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Featuring
**"The DEATH
of LUTHOR!"**

O, NOBLE **LUTHOR!**
WE, YOUR FRIENDS
OF OTHER WORLDS,
COME TO DELIVER A
FINAL TRIBUTE!

THESE FOOLS DON'T
SUSPECT WE'RE REALLY
THE GREATEST CRIMINALS
IN THE UNIVERSE!

WELL SPOKEN,
BRAINIAC! THIS
VILLAIN, **SUPERMAN**,
WILL PAY FOR
MURDERING
LUTHOR!

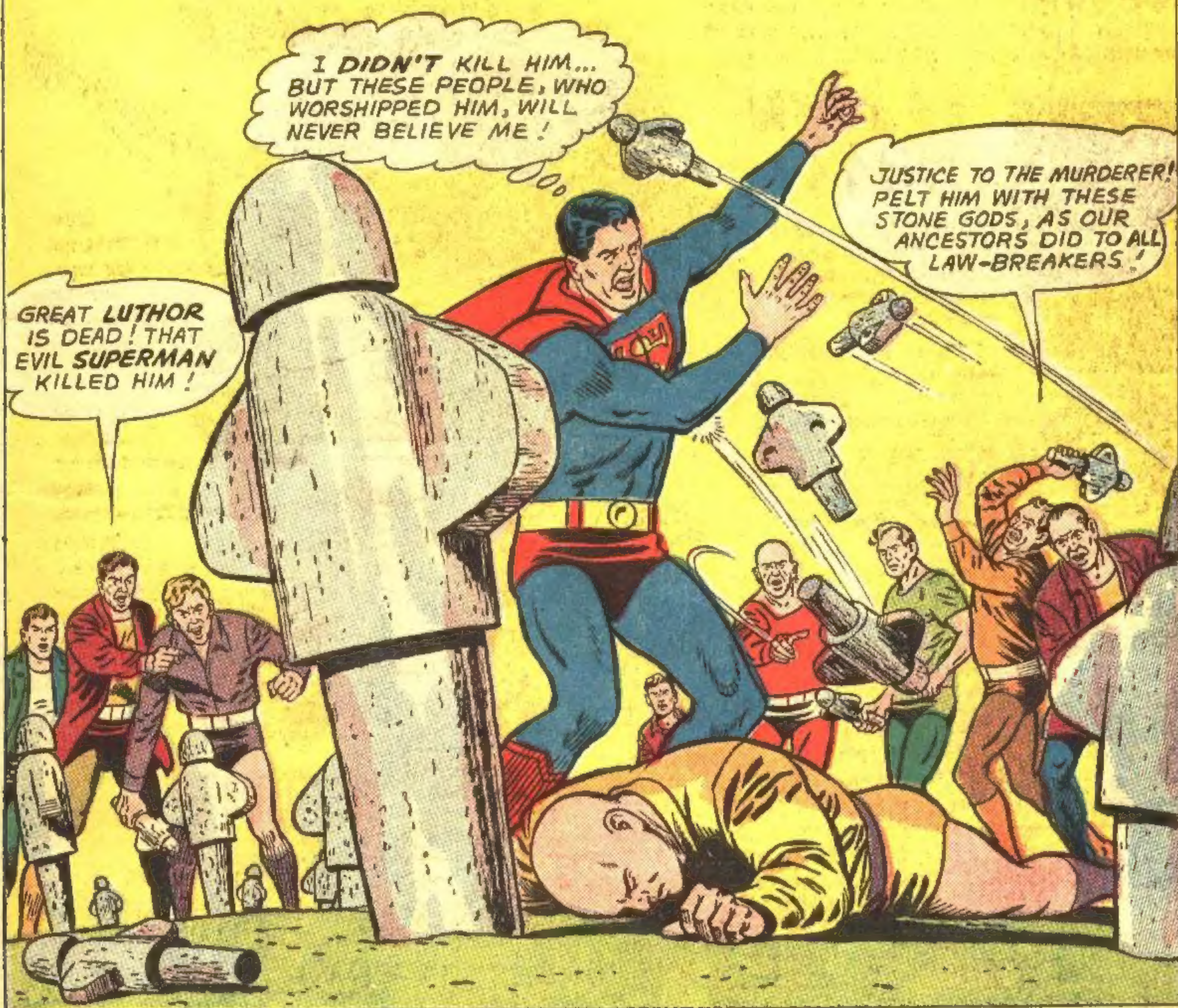
I **DIDN'T**
MURDER HIM...
BUT NO ONE ON
THIS WORLD
WILL BELIEVE
ME!



SUPERMAN

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, **SUPERMAN** HAS HAD ONE SUPREME ENEMY... THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST, **LEX LUTHOR**! SINCE THEIR BOYHOOD, THEIR FEUD HAS ROCKED NOT ONLY THIS WORLD, BUT OTHERS AS WELL. SOONER OR LATER, THAT STRUGGLE HAD TO END, WITH ONE OR THE OTHER THE VICTOR. NOW, ON A DISTANT PLANET, IT DOES END... BUT THERE ARE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR **SUPERMAN** WHEN HE IS BLAMED FOR —

"The **DEATH** of **LUTHOR**!"



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IN A PRISON MACHINE-SHOP LABORS LEX LUTHOR, MOST BRILLIANT CRIMINAL SCIENTIST OF ALL TIME!

I PUT TOGETHER MY ESCAPE-DEVICE INSIDE THIS UNUSED STEAM-BOILER, WHERE NO ONE WOULD SEE IT... NOW IS THE TIME TO USE IT!

PRESENTLY, GUARDS WITNESS AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT!

THERE GOES LUTHOR... SOMEHOW HE ACQUIRED TERRIFIC STRENGTH AND IS SMASHING OUT OF THE SHOP!

STOP OR I'LL FIRE!

OUR BULLETS DON'T AFFECT HIM... AND HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO CRASH THROUGH THE MAIN GATE!

AFTER HIM! SOUND THE SIREN, AND CALL OUT EVERY CAR... AND NOTIFY THE STATE POLICE!

BUT WHEN THE HUNTERS FINALLY CATCH UP TO THEIR QUARRY...

IT'S A ROBOT DOUBLE OF LUTHOR. HE MUST'VE MADE IT SECRETLY IN THE MACHINE-SHOP, OUT OF SPARE PARTS.

AND HE USED IT, BY REMOTE CONTROL, TO TRICK US! BACK TO THE PRISON OR HE'LL SLIP OUT WHILE WE'RE GONE!

BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO PREVENT THAT! AND SOON, MILES FROM THE PRISON...

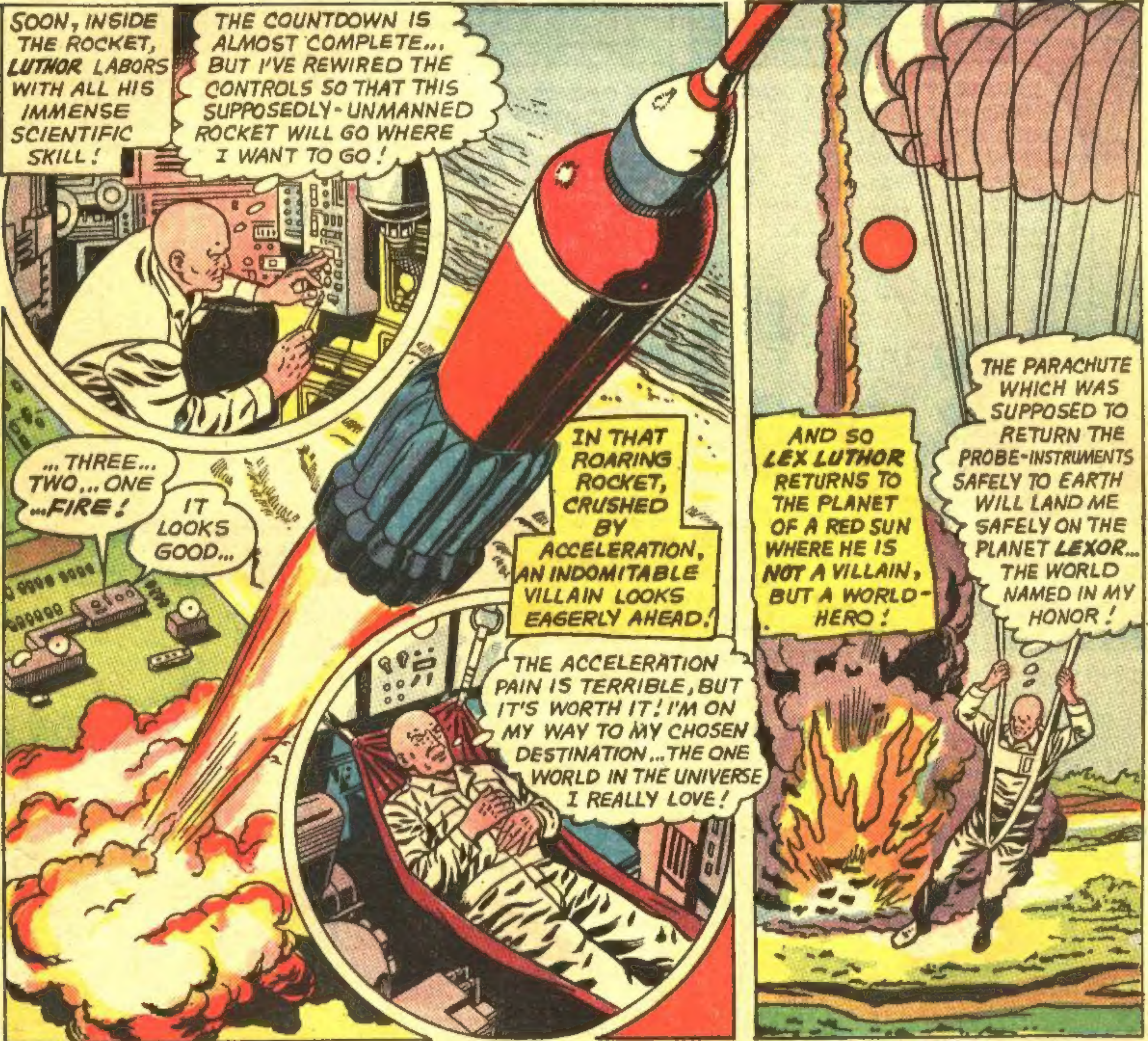
AND THE NOTORIOUS LEX LUTHOR IS LOOSE AGAIN, UNDOUBTEDLY HEADED FOR METROPOLIS! WHEN SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL RETURN FROM THEIR SPACE-MISSION, THEY'LL HUNT HIM DOWN!

WRONG, MY FRIENDS! METROPOLIS IS NOT MY DESTINATION! I'M GOING A LOT FARTHER... AND THIS COVERALL WILL HELP!

DAYS LATER, AT A GREAT SCIENTIFIC ROCKET-BASE...

THE SPACE-ROCKET WILL TAKE OFF IN A HALF HOUR... ITS INSTRUMENTS WILL TELL US MUCH ABOUT OUTER SPACE!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! IF I CAN GET INTO THE ROCKET, MASQUERADING AS ONE OF THE ELECTRICIANS, I'VE GOT PLANS OF MY OWN!



LATER, IN THE PALACE A GRATEFUL PEOPLE HAVE BUILT FOR THEIR HERO...



THE NEXT DAY, THE WEDDING TAKES PLACE, ACCORDING TO THE ANCIENT NUPTIAL CEREMONIES OF LEXOR...



LATER, ARDORA SPEAKS OF THE ONE SHADOW ON HER HAPPINESS!



LUTHOR, YOU'RE TOO FINE AND NOBLE TO COMMIT SUCH A CRIME AS MURDER. PROMISE ME THAT IF SUPERMAN COMES, YOU'LL LET THE LAW DEAL WITH HIM!



MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN, BACK FROM A DISTANT MISSION, HAS TAKEN UP THE TRAIL OF HIS ESCAPED ARCH-ENEMY!



AND THE MAN OF STEEL CROSSES SPACE TO A WORLD THAT HOLDS ONLY PERIL FOR HIM!



BUT LUTHOR IS CAREFUL, TOO, AND HE HAS INVENTED A UNIQUE, WARNING DEVICE!

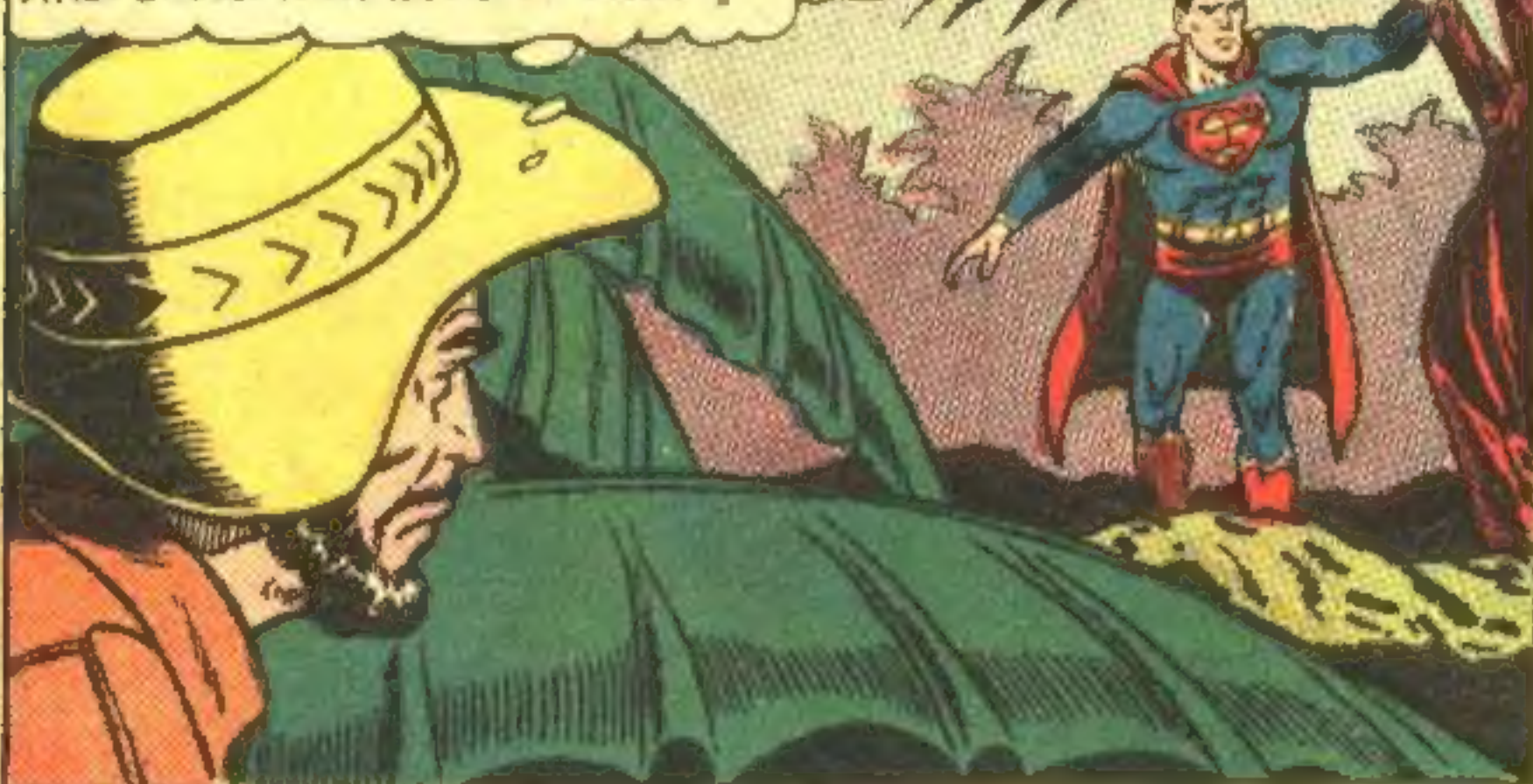


THEY'RE SET TO REACT TO A PARTICULAR COMBINATION OF PRISMATIC COLORS... THE THREE COLORS OF SUPERMAN'S COSTUME! SEE? THIS MINIATURE DUPLICATE OF HIS COSTUME SETS OFF THE ALARM!



MEANWHILE, AS A LEXORIAN HUNTER WANDERS THROUGH THE WEIRD JUNGLE...

IT'S SUPERMAN, THE DEADLIEST ENEMY OF OUR HERO, LUTHOR! I'LL PRETEND I DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM, AND LEAD HIM INTO A TRAP!



HELLO, STRANGER. ARE YOU LOST? I CAN GUIDE YOU TOWARD THE CITY, IF YOU ARE!

THANKS, I'D APPRECIATE IT!

MUSTN'T LET HIM KNOW WHO I AM.



AS HE FOLLOWS HIS GUIDE...

STAY WELL AWAY FROM THE MADNESS FLOWER... ITS PERFUME INDUCES TEMPORARY INSANITY!

MY WARNING WILL QUIET ANY SUSPICIONS HE HAS... I'LL LEAD HIM RIGHT INTO ONE OF MY PIT-TRAPS!

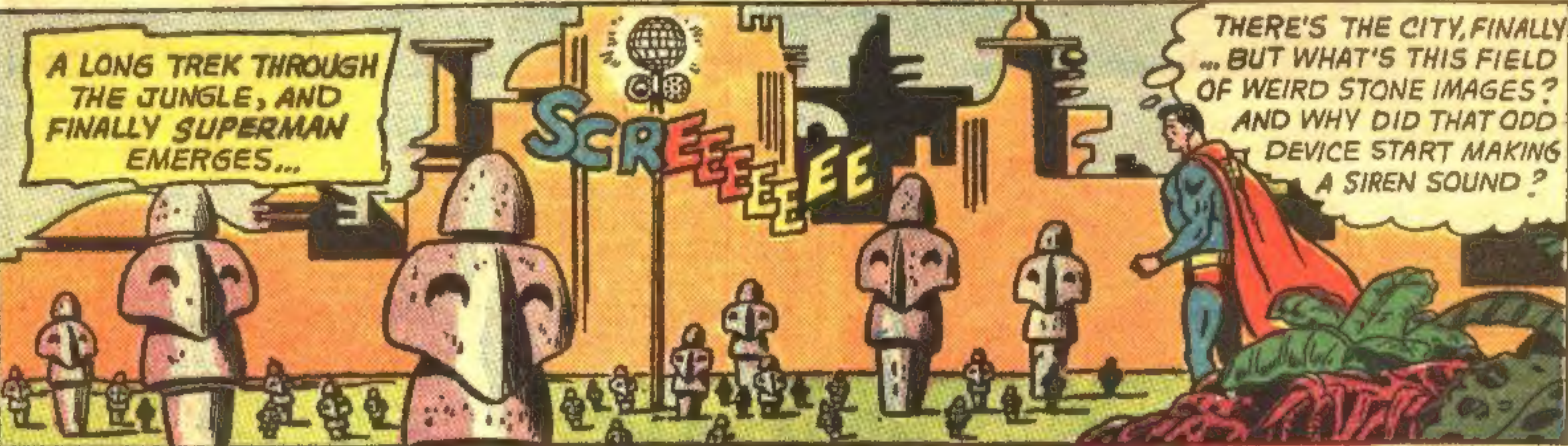


WEIRD ARE THE FORMS OF JUNGLE LIFE ON LEXOR!

AND THAT'S THE TRUTH BEAST, WHOSE STRANGE, POWERFUL BRAIN-WAVES MAKE ANYONE CLOSE TO IT TELL ONLY THE TRUTH!

IF THAT'S SO, WHY IS HE GOING WELL AROUND IT? I THINK I'D BETTER "ACCIDENTALLY" TEST THIS TRUTH BEAST!





REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE TO ME, LEX. DON'T KILL HIM, BUT LET THE LAW HANDLE HIM.

I WON'T BREAK MY PROMISE! BUT SUPERMAN HAS GOT TO LEAVE ME ALONE, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

MINUTES LATER, THE TWO GREAT ANTAGONISTS FACE EACH OTHER ONCE MORE!

YOU'RE GOING BACK TO EARTH WITH ME, LUTHOR, AND SERVE OUT THE REST OF YOUR PRISON TERM!

I'M NOT GOING BACK... AND YOU NEVER WILL EITHER, SUPERMAN! WITHOUT YOUR SUPER-POWERS, WE'RE ON EVEN TERMS!

THAT PAYS YOU BACK FOR THE BLACK EYE YOU GAVE ME THE FIRST TIME WE MET ON THIS WORLD!

OH...

LOOKS LIKE HE HIT HIS HEAD AGAINST THIS STATUE WHEN HE FELL BACKWARD, AND GOT STUNNED... UNLESS HE'S SHAMMING...

HIS PULSE HAS STOPPED... HE'S NOT BREATHING... HE'S DEAD!

GREAT LUTHOR IS DEAD! SUPERMAN KILLED HIM!

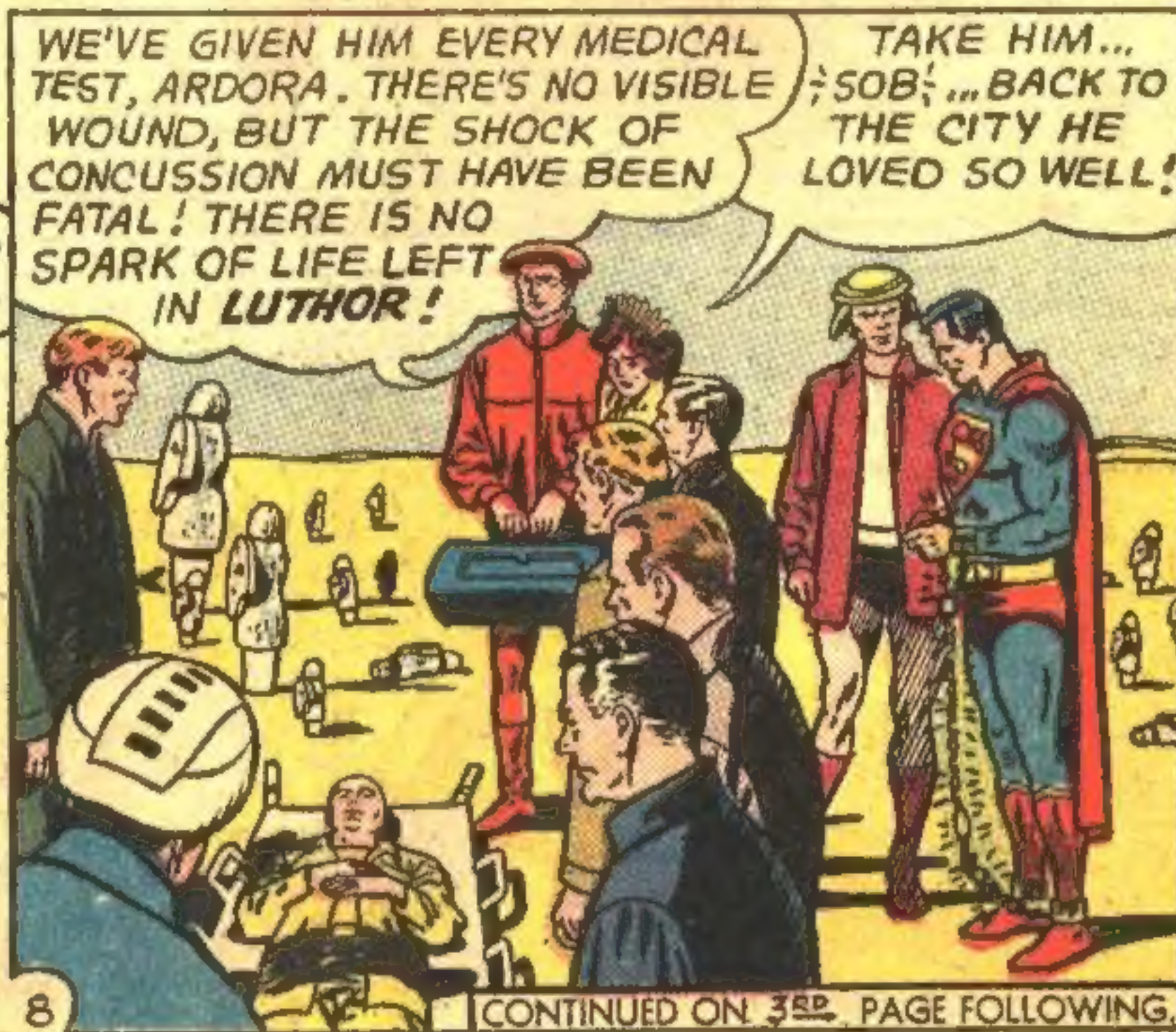
RAGING LEXORIANS GATHER AND SEEK JUSTICE BY AN ANCIENT CUSTOM!

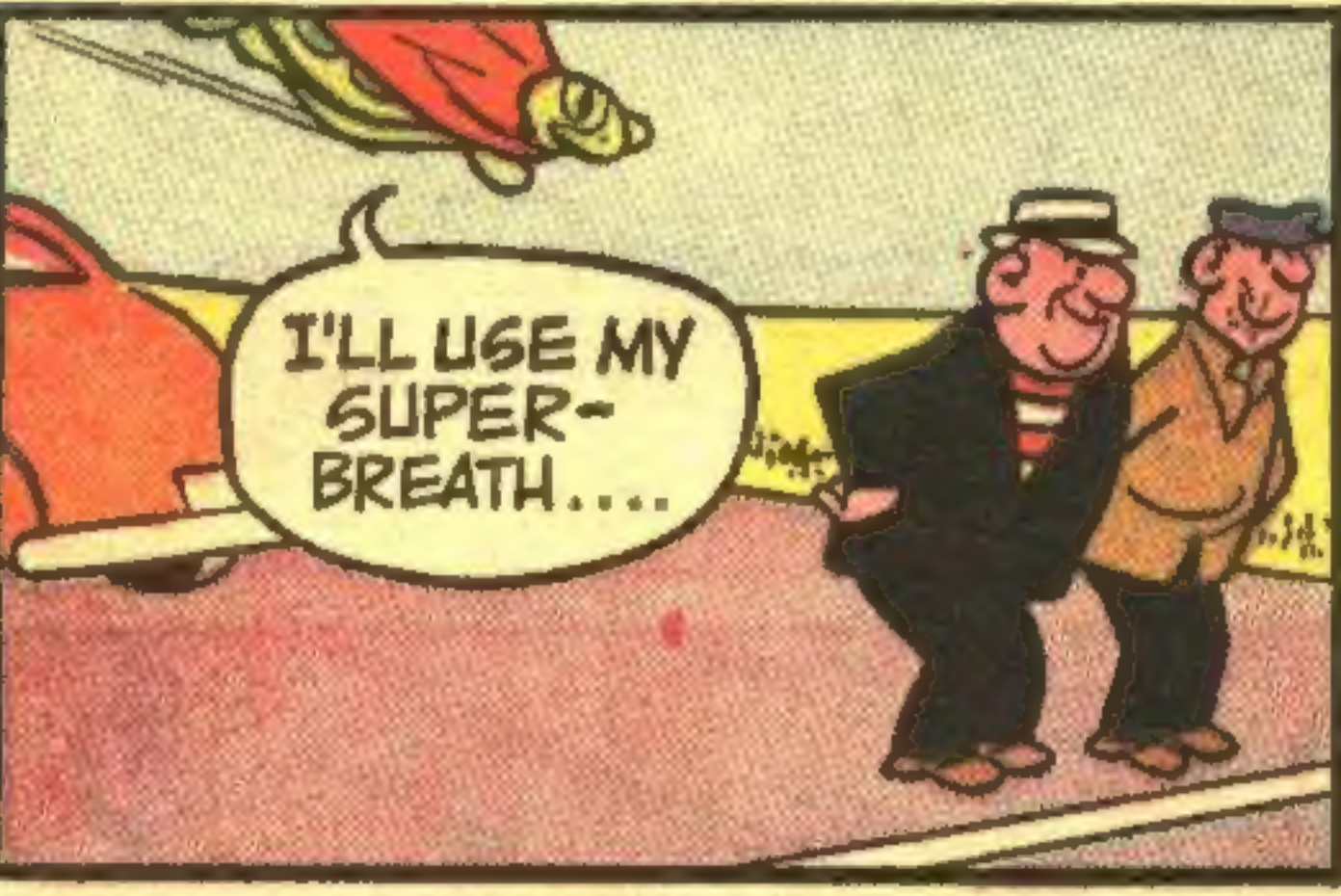
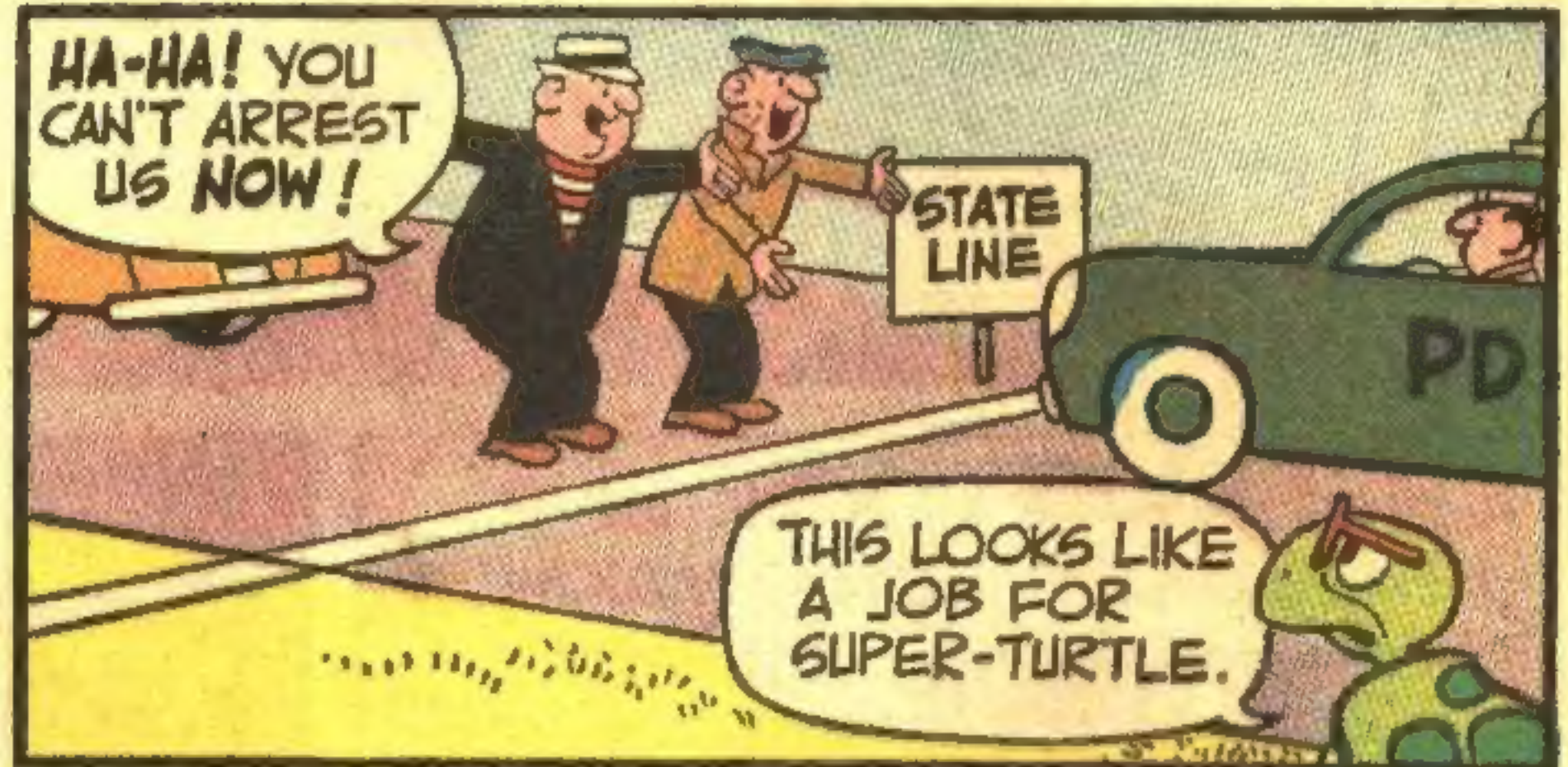
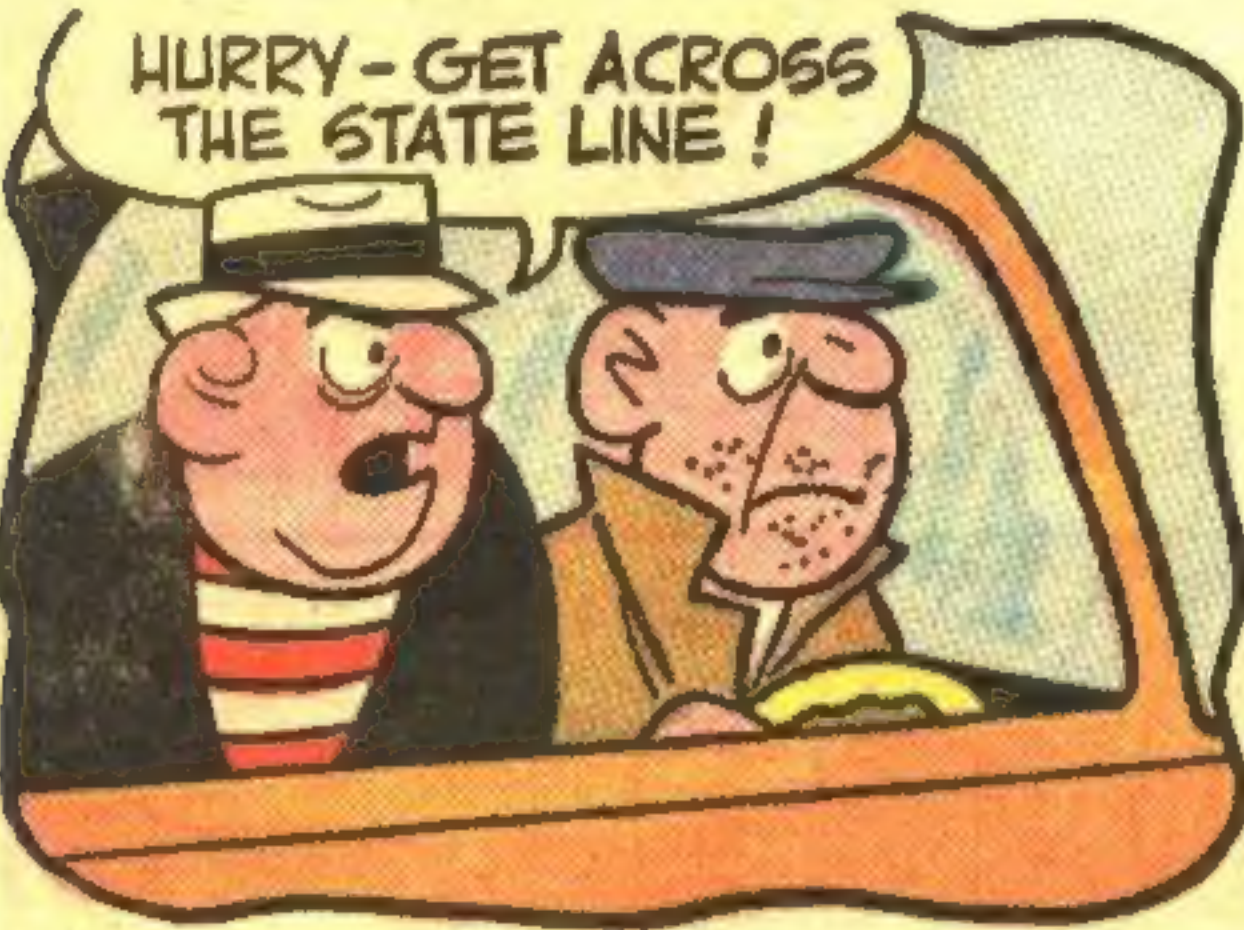
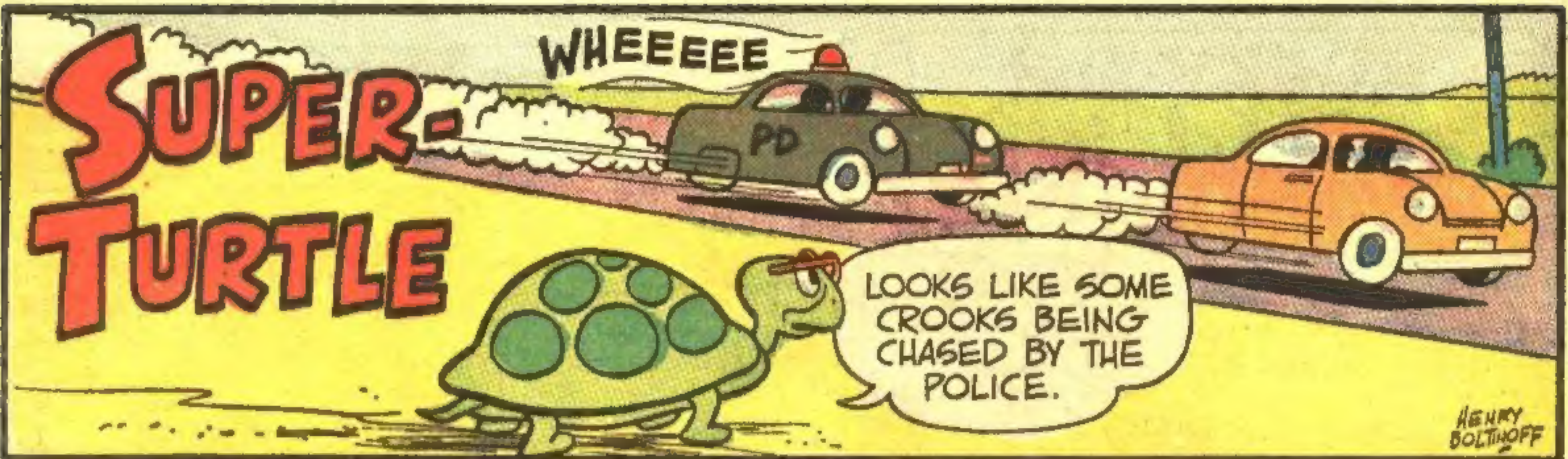
HIS DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL...

MURDERER... LIAR!

WE SAW HIM STRIKE LUTHOR AND KILL HIM!

PELT HIM WITH THE CARVED STONES OF THE FIELD OF THE GODS, AS OUR ANCESTORS DID TO LAWBREAKERS!





A SOMBER PROCESSION WINDS THROUGH THE STRICKEN LEXORIAN CITY!

GREAT LUTHOR... OUR HERO AND BENEFACTOR... MURDERED... GONE FOREVER FROM US!

AND IT SEEMS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT WE GAVE HIM A JOYFUL WELCOME HOME, IN THIS SAME STREET!

THEY'VE LAID LUTHOR'S BODY IN FRONT OF THE STATUE WHICH HONORS HIM, SO THAT ALL LEXOR MAY SEE HIS FACE ONE LAST TIME!

TAKE THIS MURDERER TO PRISON... HIS TRIAL WILL BE SPEEDY AND SHORT!

IN HONOR OF LEX LUTHOR FOR HIS MANY SCIENTIFIC FEATS

IN THIS, THE HIGHEST COURT OF LEXOR, YOU'LL STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER, SUPERMAN! YOU'RE LUCKY EVEN TO GET A TRIAL!

YOUR TRIAL WILL BEGIN QUICKLY! I ADVISE YOU TO GET A LAWYER AND PREPARE YOUR DEFENSE WITNESSES AT ONCE!

BUT I HAVE NO DEFENSE WITNESSES... ONLY MY WORD THAT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! THE WAY PEOPLE HERE FELT ABOUT LUTHOR, IT LOOKS BAD!

ALL LEXOR, INDEED, IS PLUNGED INTO GRIEF!

LOOK, MY SON, AND ALWAYS REMEMBER... THIS WAS THE GREAT LUTHOR, WHO DID SO MUCH FOR OUR WORLD!

IT... SOB!... SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE'S DEAD...

FAR AWAY IN SPACE, ONE OF THE MOST EVIL CRIMINALS IN THE UNIVERSE, BRAINIAC, HAS WATCHED BY MONITOR!

LUTHOR DEAD... AND SUPERMAN ACCUSED OF MURDERING HIM! I CAN STIR UP FEELING AGAINST SUPERMAN EVEN HIGHER, BY GATHERING THE FAMOUS CRIMINALS OF ALL WORLDS TO PAY A LAST TRIBUTE TO LUTHOR!

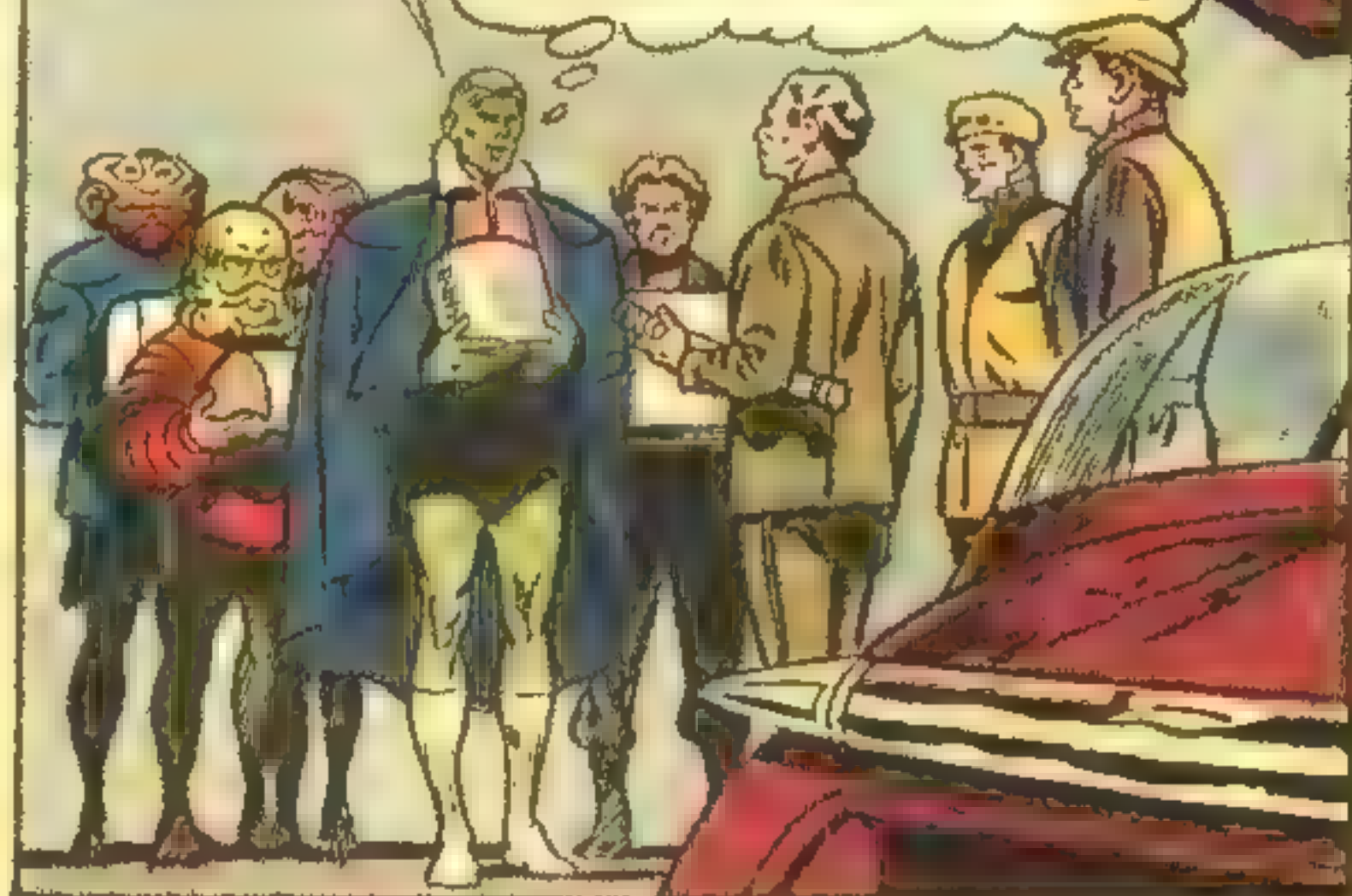
AND SOON, TO LEXOR COME SWIFT SPACE-SHIPS!



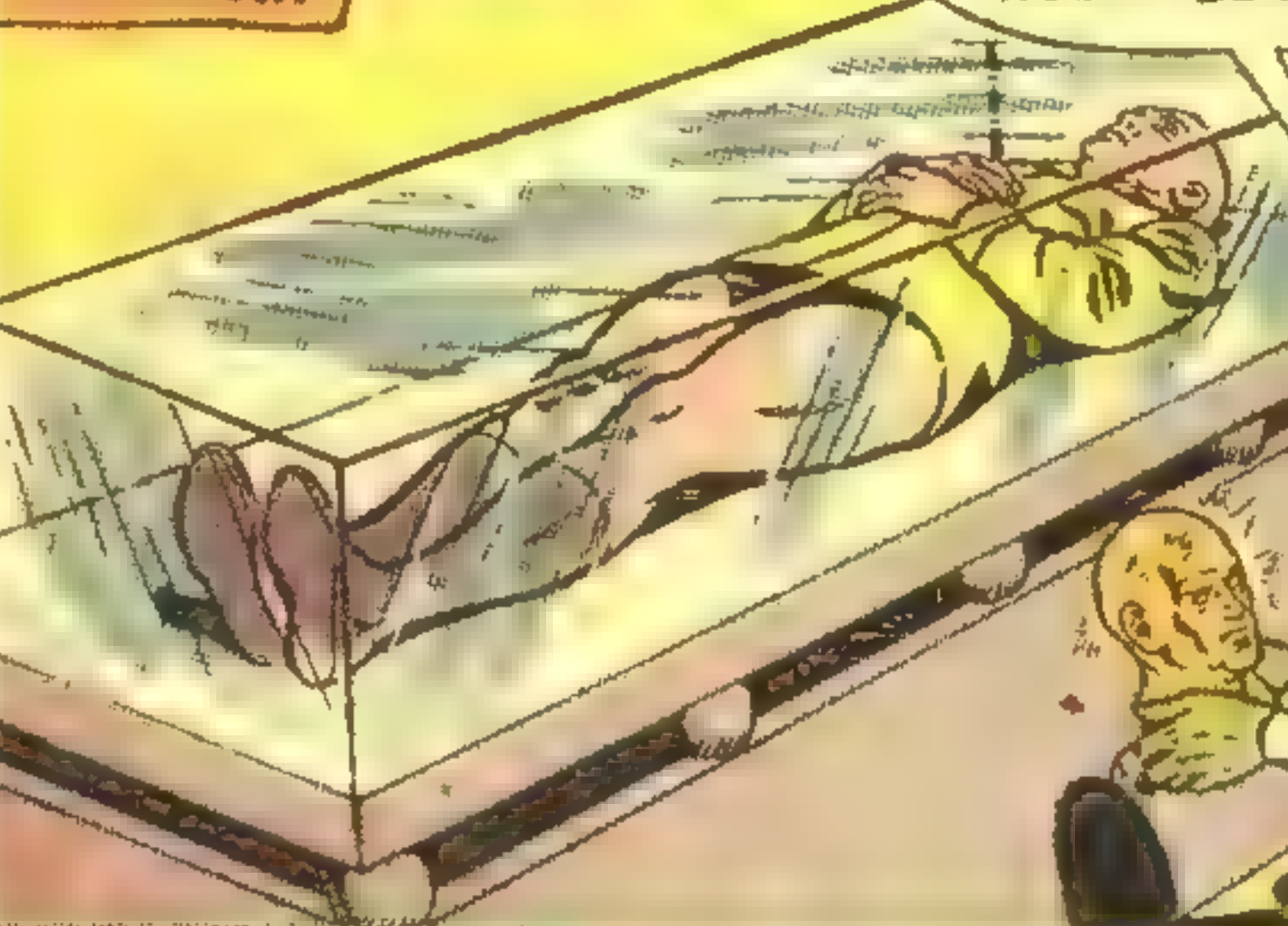
WHERE DO THOSE SHIPS COME FROM? THEY'RE GOING TO LAND OUTSIDE THE CITY!

I WAS LUTHOR'S FRIEND, AND I AND THE OTHERS HAVE COME TO PAY HIM FINAL TRIBUTE!

THEY DON'T SUSPECT THAT WE'RE ALL OUTLAWS AND THIEVES, AND THAT OUR "TRIBUTES" ARE STOLEN!



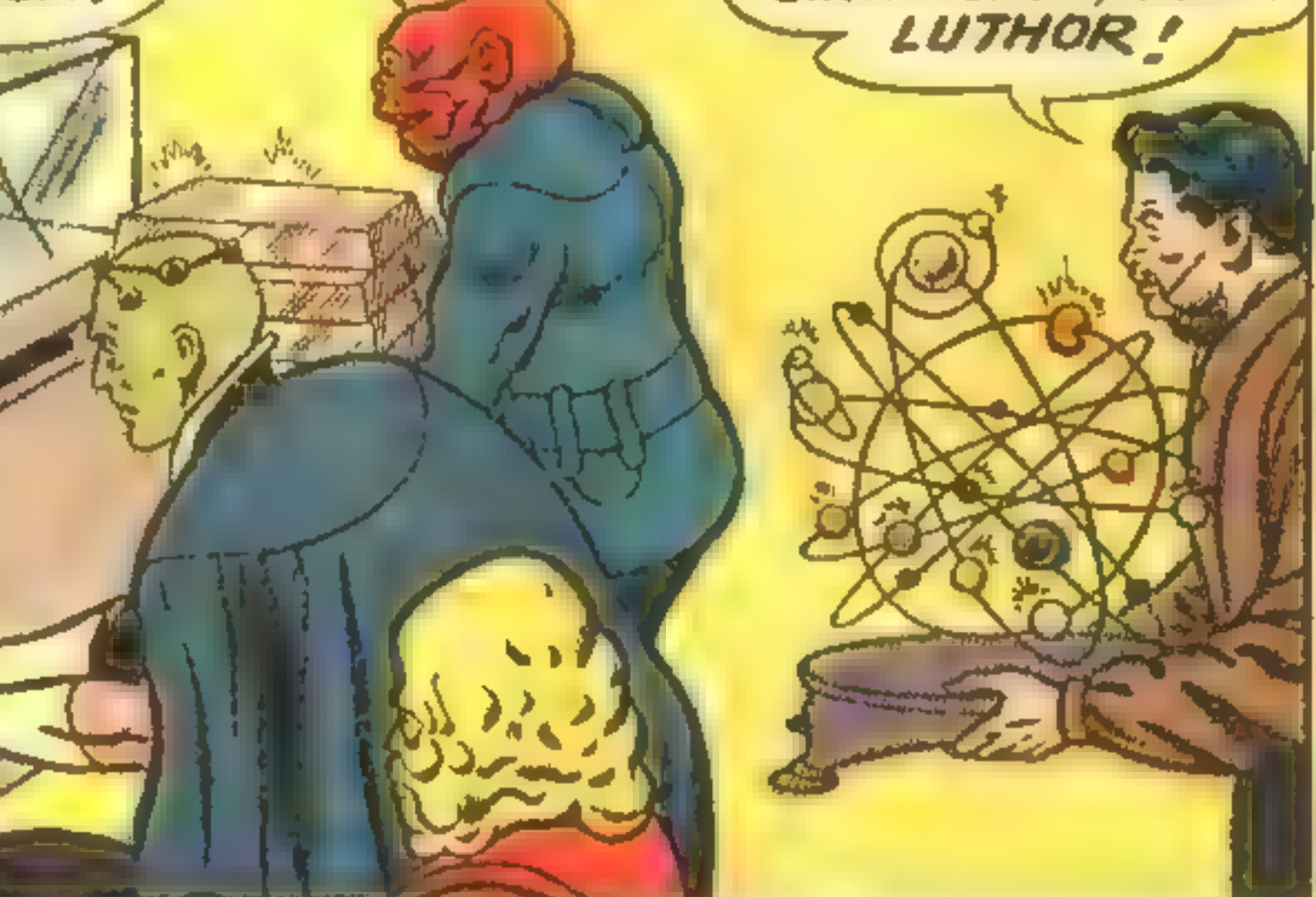
SHORTLY, THE MOST NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS IN THE UNIVERSE PAY TRIBUTE TO DEAD LUTHOR...



THIS BUST OF YOU CARVED FROM A SINGLE JEWEL IS IN YOUR MEMORY... FAREWELL, NOBLE LUTHOR!

THIS RARE MOON-METAL WILL DECORATE YOUR TOMB, LUTHOR!

AND THIS MODEL "SOLAR SYSTEM" OF PRICELESS GEMS WILL COMMEMORATE YOUR BIRTHPLACE, GREAT LUTHOR!



OH, I CAN'T STAND THIS, LAR THAN! PLEASE... TAKE ME AWAY...

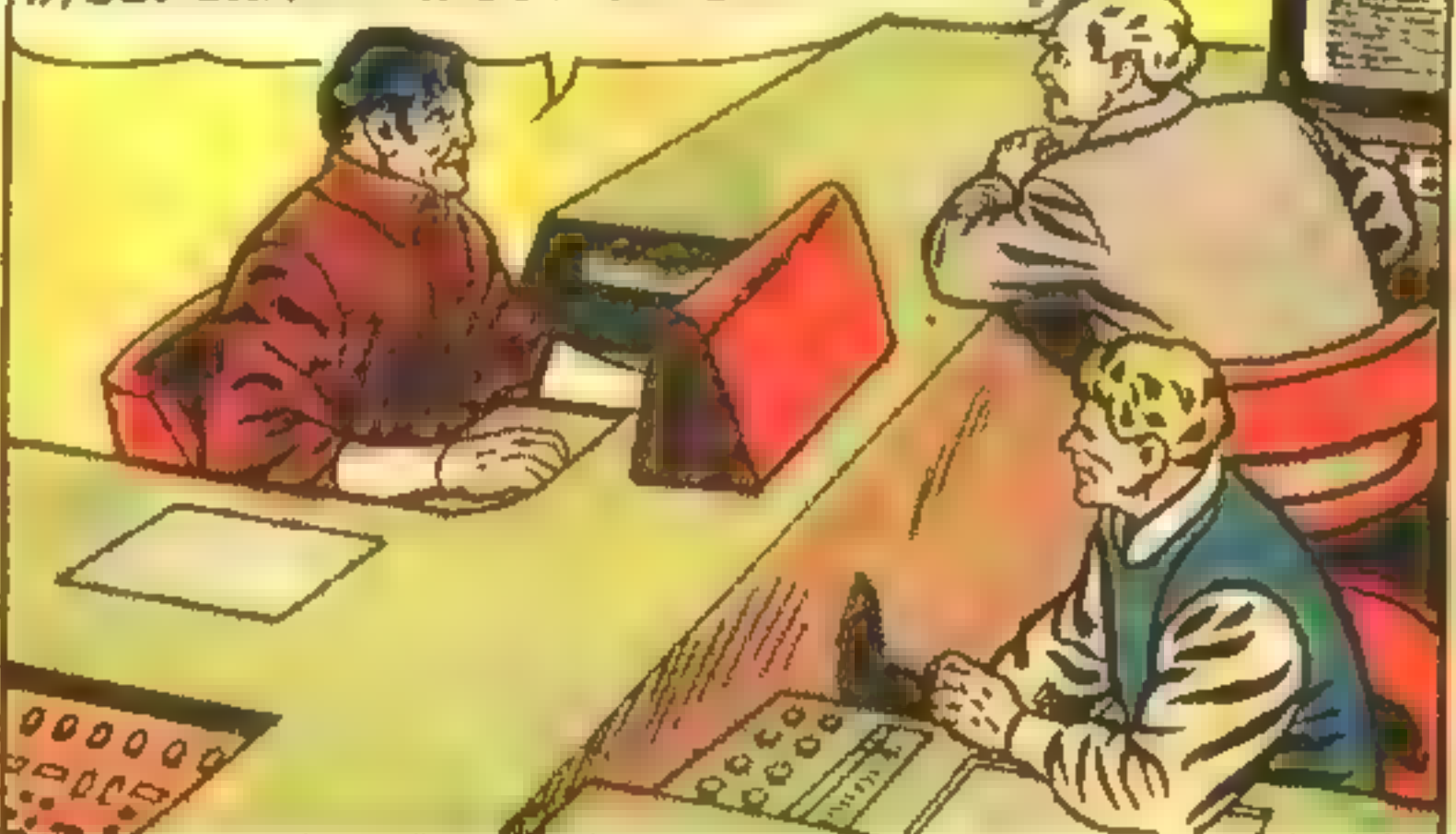
DON'T WEEP, ARDORA! NOTHING CAN BRING LUTHOR BACK, BUT AS PROSECUTOR OF LEXOR, I PROMISE YOU HIS MURDERER WILL RECEIVE FULL JUSTICE!

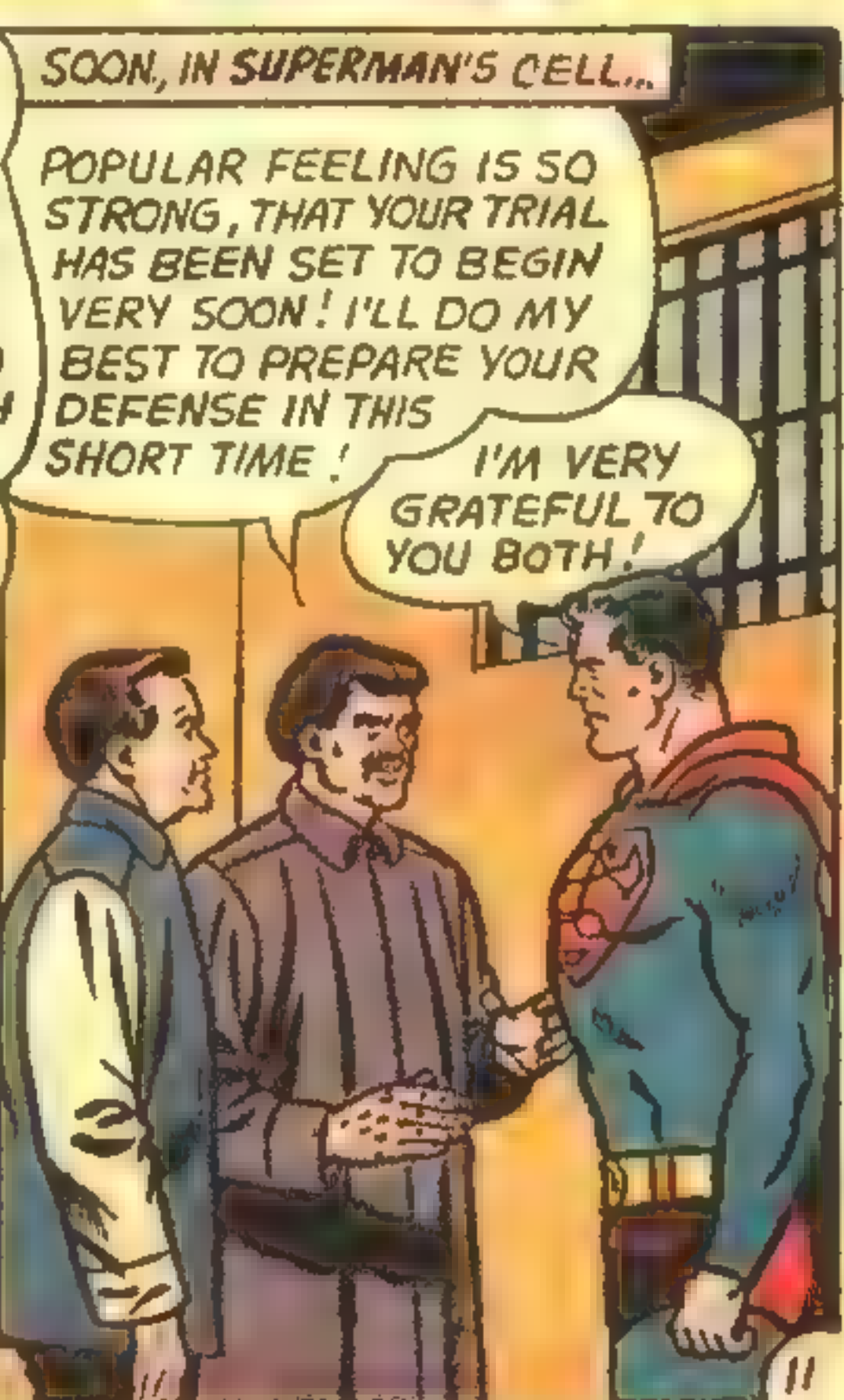
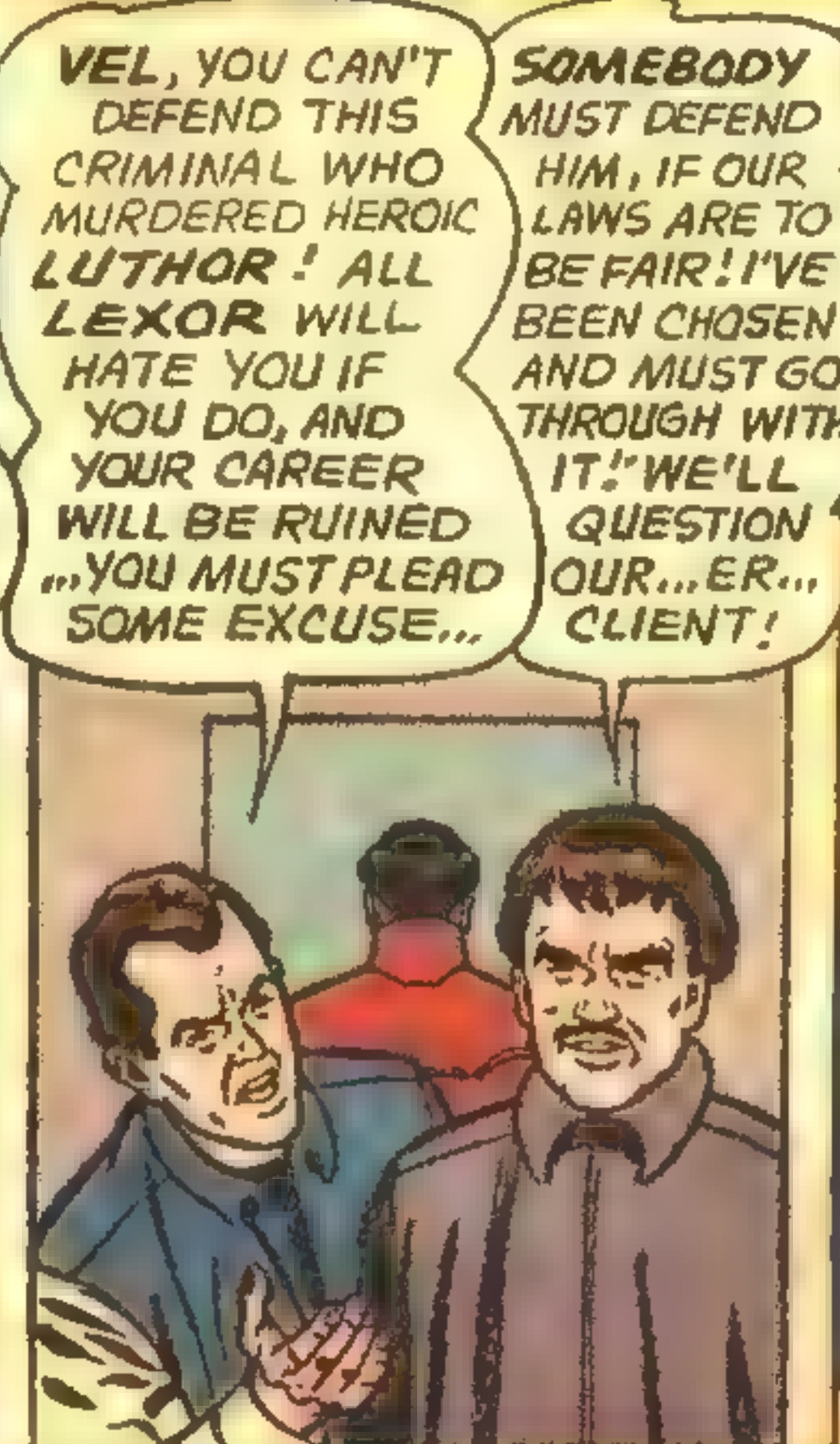
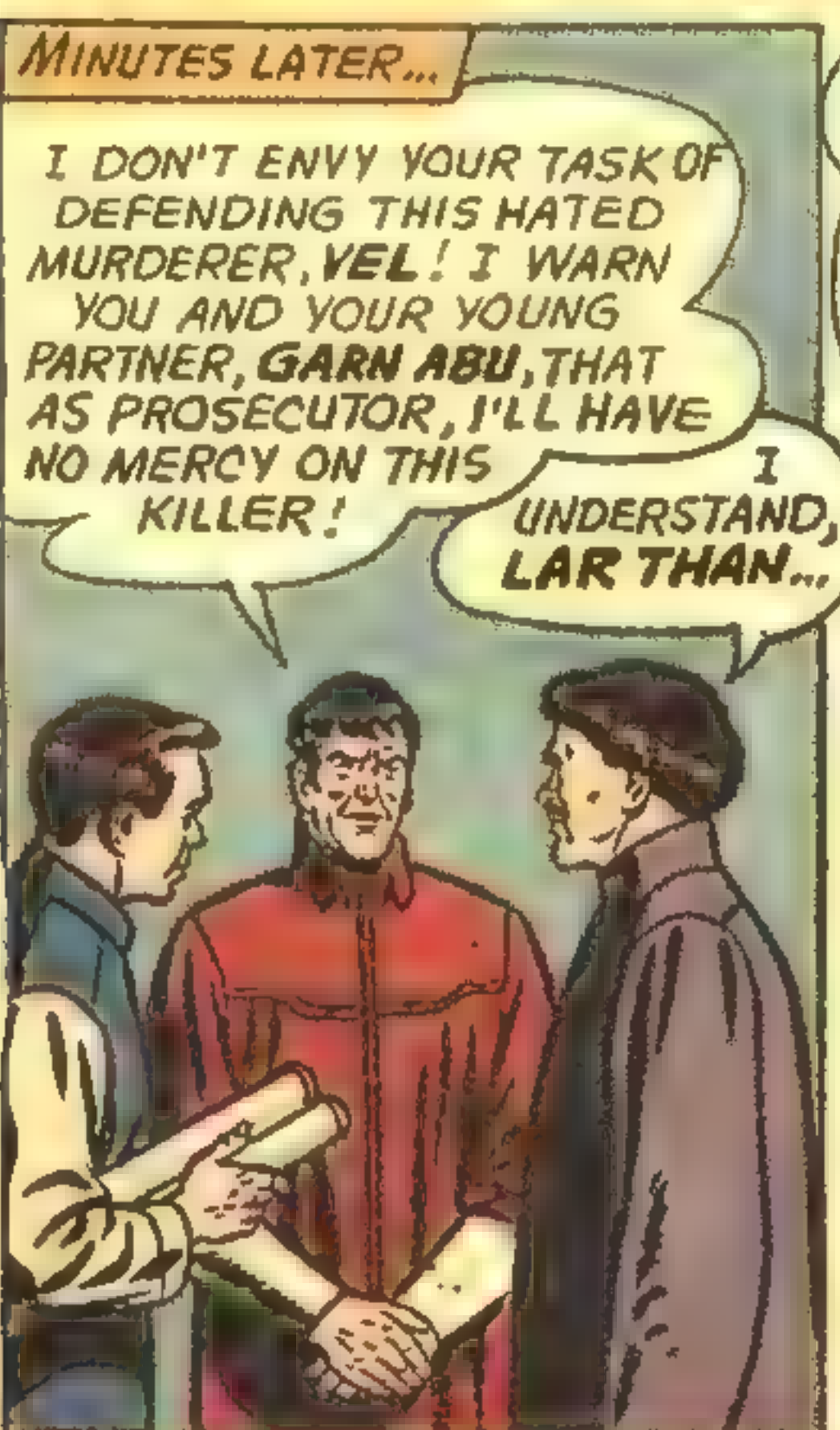
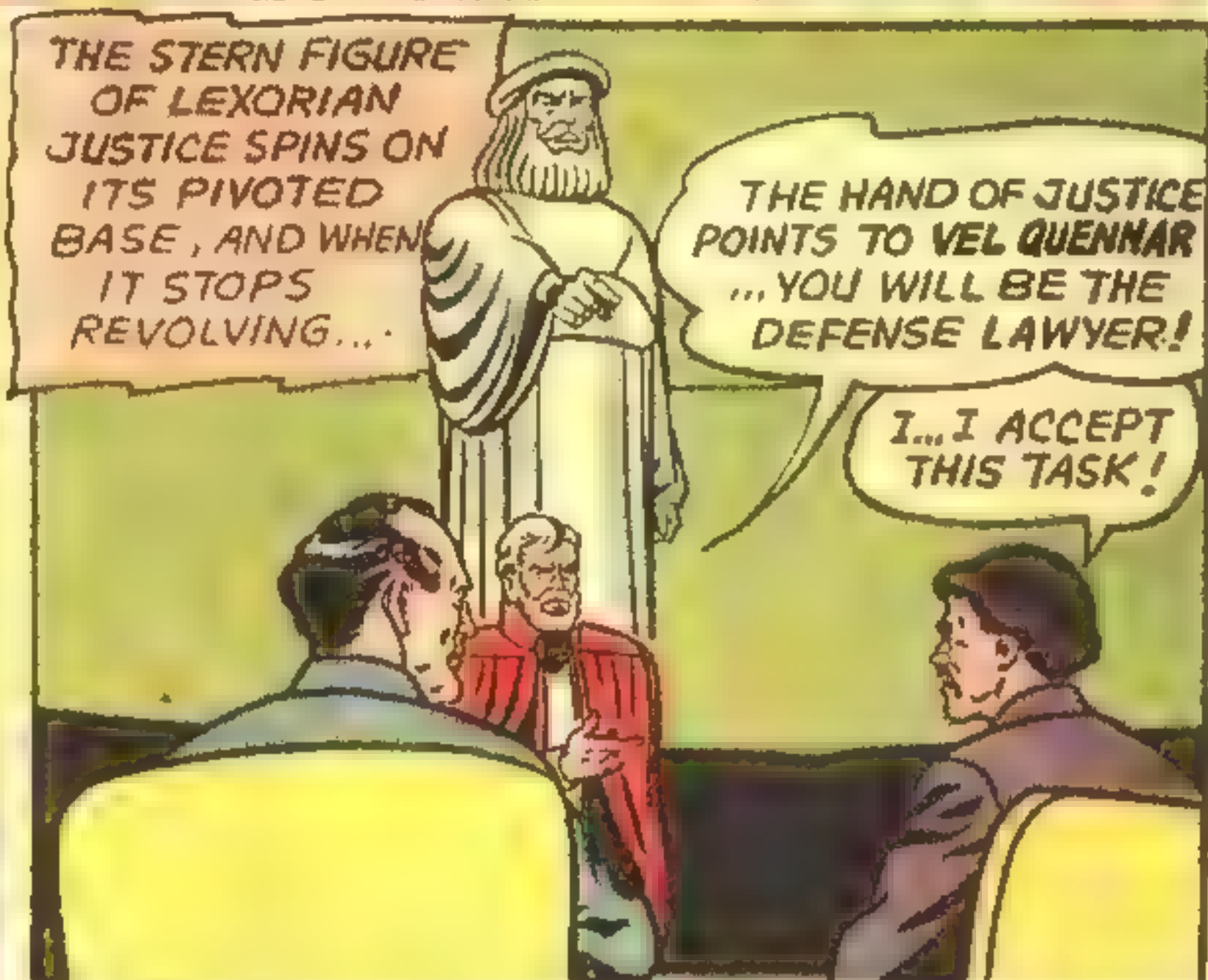


AND LAR THAN, FORCEFUL PROSECUTOR, PREPARES FOR AN HISTORIC TRIAL!

ALL LEXOR CRIES OUT FOR JUSTICE AGAINST SUPERMAN! THERE MUST BE NO SLIPS IN PROSECUTING THIS MAN, NO LOOPHOLES... SUPERMAN MUST BE CONVICTED!

WE UNDERSTAND. WE'VE PREPARED AN AIR-TIGHT CASE AGAINST HIM.





DON'T BE GRATEFUL... WE'D NEVER DEFEND YOU, IF WE HAD ANY CHOICE!

QUIET, GARN... WE HAVE A JOB TO DO AND MUST DO IT!

TELL US JUST HOW YOU KILLED LUTHOR, AND WE'LL TRY TO FIND SOME EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES! PERHAPS WE CAN ESTABLISH THAT YOU SUFFERED FROM TEMPORARY INSANITY...

BUT I DIDN'T KILL HIM! IT WAS PURE ACCIDENT!

AND WHEN SUPERMAN HAS TOLD HIS STORY...

YOUR STORY WILL NEVER CONVINCE ANYONE, SUPERMAN! IF YOU INSIST ON IT, YOU'RE DOOMED... BUT WE'LL DO OUR BEST!

I INSIST ON IT, BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUTH!

BUT WHEN HIS LAWYERS HAVE LEFT HIM...

IF I DON'T CLEAR MYSELF, I'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS WORLD! I MAY EVEN BE EXECUTED HERE. BUT HOW CAN I EXPECT TO CONVINCE A COURT, WHEN MY OWN LAWYERS DON'T BELIEVE MY STORY?

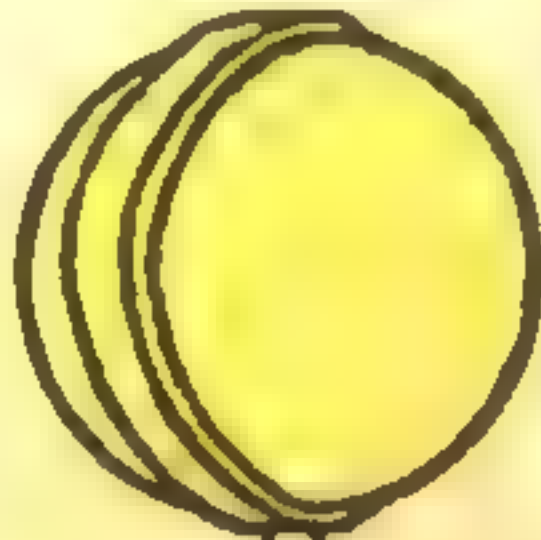
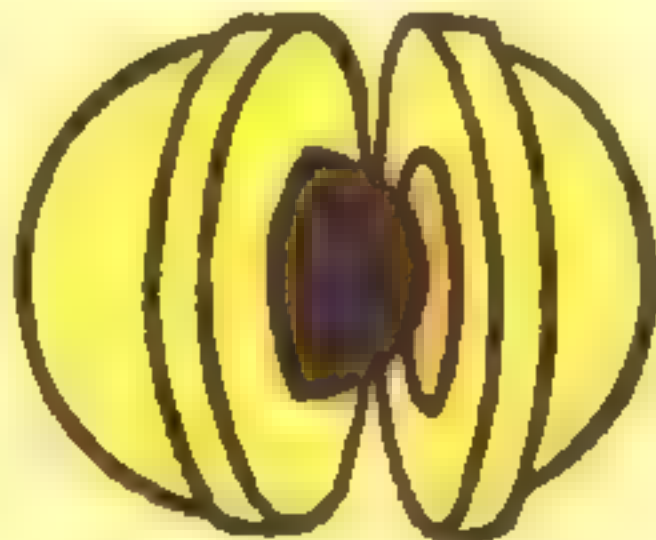
DON'T MISS THE SURPRISE CONCLUSION TO THIS STORY IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ACTION COMICS!

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WHAT MAKES A TOOTSIE POP SO SPECIAL?



This is the Tootsie Roll center



6 Scrumptious Flavors. Get some!

It's the only Pop with chewy chewy Tootsie Roll inside!

METROPOLIS MAILBAG

Dear Editor: Juvenile delinquents!!? You've got to be joking! What every city in this country needs is "delinquents" like Zigi and Zagi! What did they do to rate being called "The Juvenile Delinquents from Space"? Except for that erroneous title, the story was the best that I've ever seen in your magazine, and the only continued story I've ever wanted to follow up. I am looking forward to more Zigi and Zagi stories. They are really great.—Mary Ann Sibley, Urbana, Ohio.

(Although Zigi and Zagi were full of mischief, we'll have to agree that they aren't really juvenile delinquents. In fact, we're quite fond of them ourselves—especially when they inspire such praise from our readers.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have just had a brain wave. Why not publish a story in which Bruce (Batman) Wayne and Clark (Superman) Kent are brothers on Krypton. When the planet is doomed, Jor-El sends out two rockets with Bru-El and Kal-El in them. Bru-El's goes through a cloud of Gold Kryptonite and he never gets super-powers.—Darrel Nelson, Raymond, Alberta, Canada.

(You must have been reading our minds! The next issue of WORLD'S FINEST features a story in which Batman finds evidence that he came from Krypton and had super-powers as an infant! We're sure you and other readers will be intrigued by this unusual tale.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In ACTION No. 309 you showed Supergirl introducing Superdog (Krypto), Super-Horse (Comet), Supercat (Streaky) and

Super-Monkey. Would you please tell me Super-Monkey's name?—Gale Rose, Haviland, Kan. (Super-Monkey's name is Beppo, as you'll discover by reading the current issue of SUPERMAN—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: When the real parents of Supergirl went into the city of Kandor, no one came out in exchange. Yet, in "Supergirl's Tragic Ordeal", when they emerged, they had to have someone to trade places with. I have often seen Supergirl go into the bottle and return without having to use the exchange ray. How can this be?—James Berkoben, Saginaw, Mich.

(Shrinking someone small enough to enter Kandor is simple for Superman and Supergirl. It is restoring them to full size that they find difficult. They still haven't found a way to enlarge the bottle city. As for the enlarging devices they have, these use a rare element. When Zor-El and Allura were brought out of Kandor, Superman had run out of this mineral. But we're sure he'll find some more by the time we need it for a story.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In SUPERMAN No. 160, when Superman lost his powers, his impenetrable costume protected him like a bullet-proof vest. But in ACTION No. 312, when he was shot in the abdomen, the bullet went right through his costume.—Robert Astory, Edwardsville, Pa.

(True; but he wasn't wearing his invulnerable costume from Krypton. He had a costume taken from a Superman robot, which was not bullet-proof.—Ed.)

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NOTHING ELSE IS

Silly Putty

IT BOUNCES!

IT MOLDS!

IT STRETCHES!

AND IT PICKS UP COMICS IN FULL COLOR TOO!

ASK FOR IT WHERE YOU BOUGHT THIS COMIC MAGAZINE !!

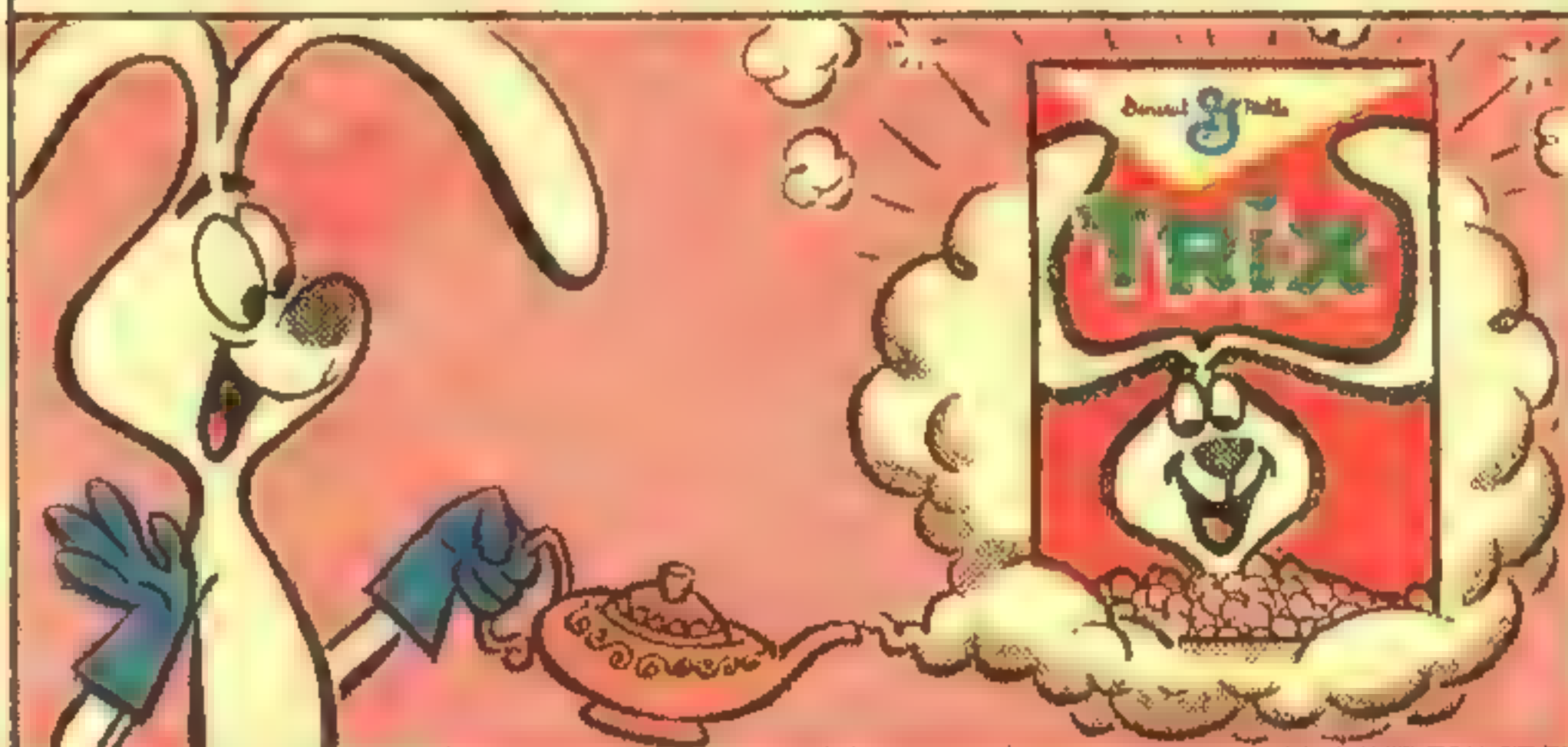
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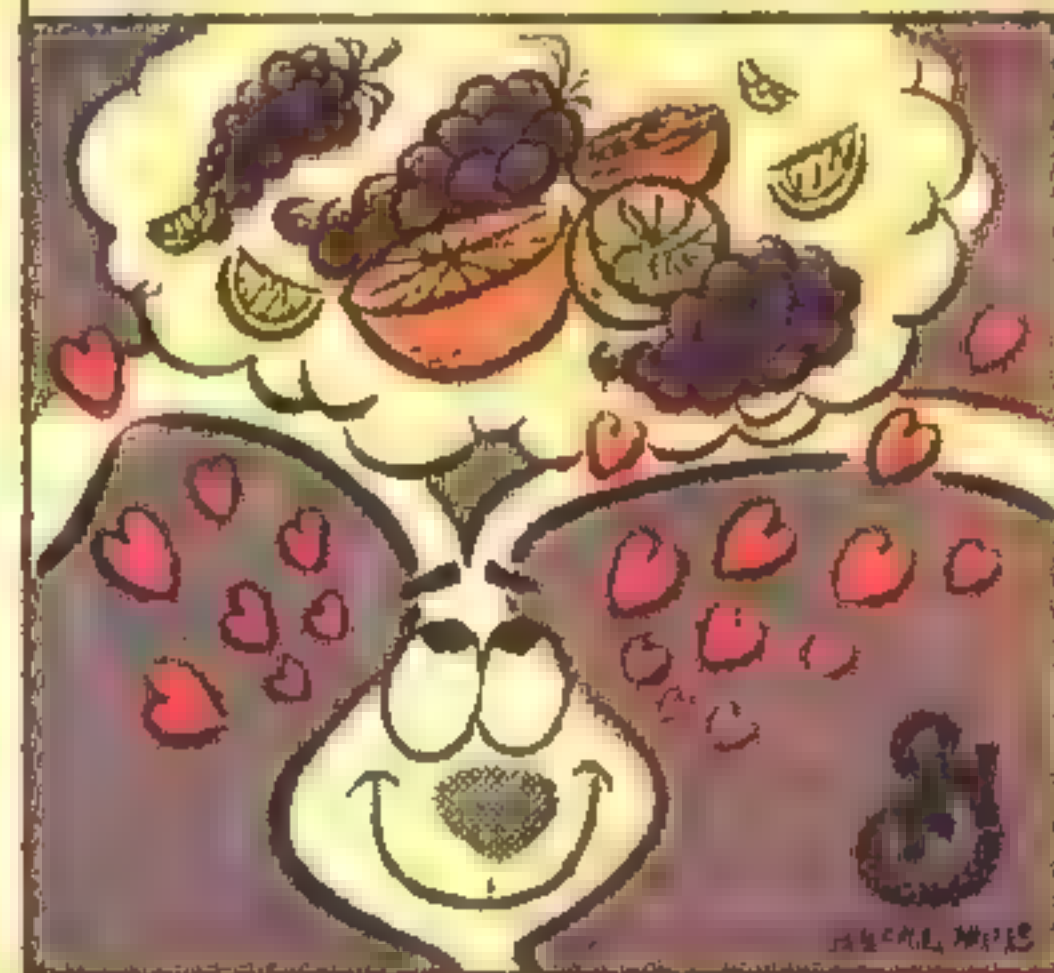
TRIX ...THE CORN CEREAL...



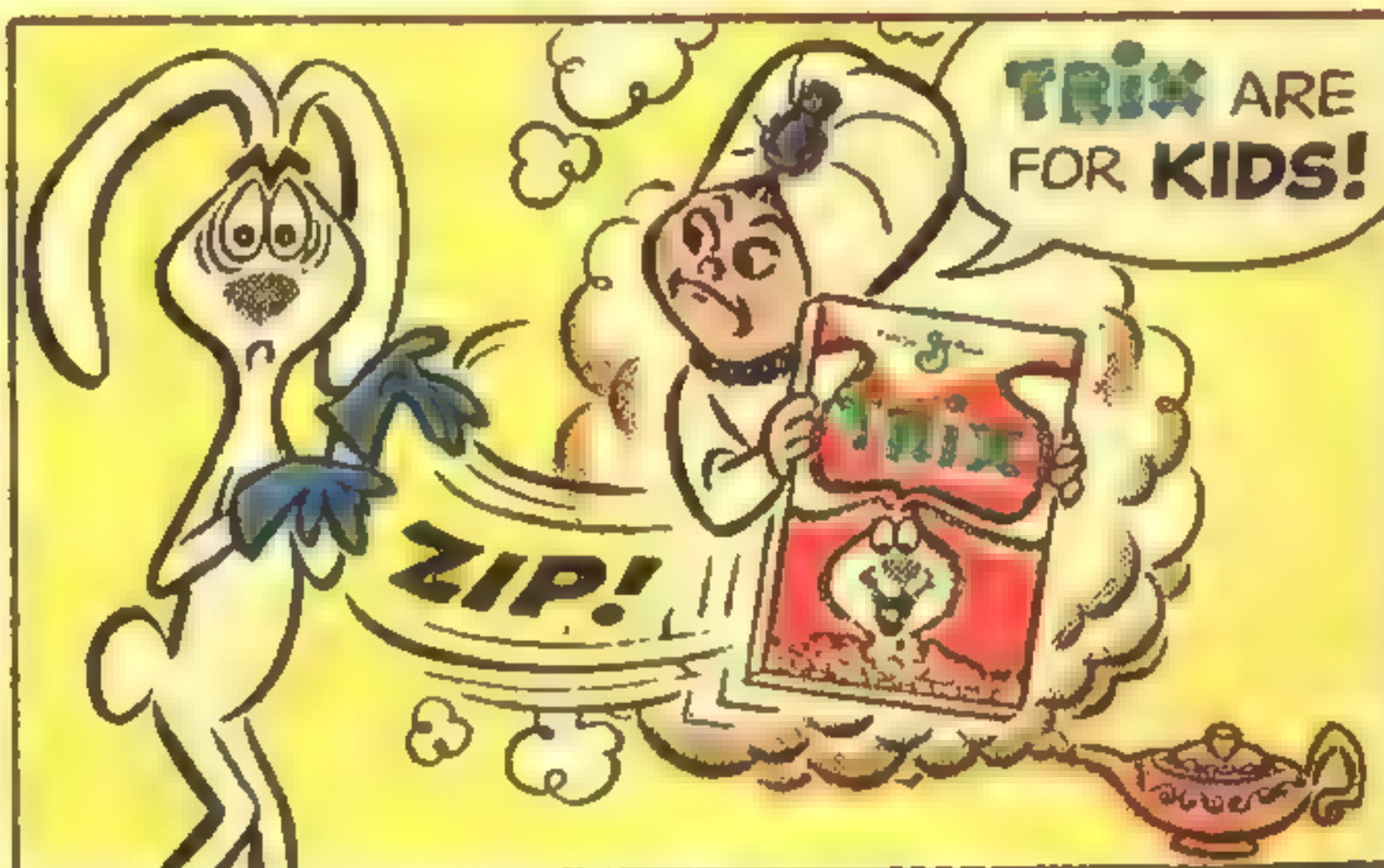
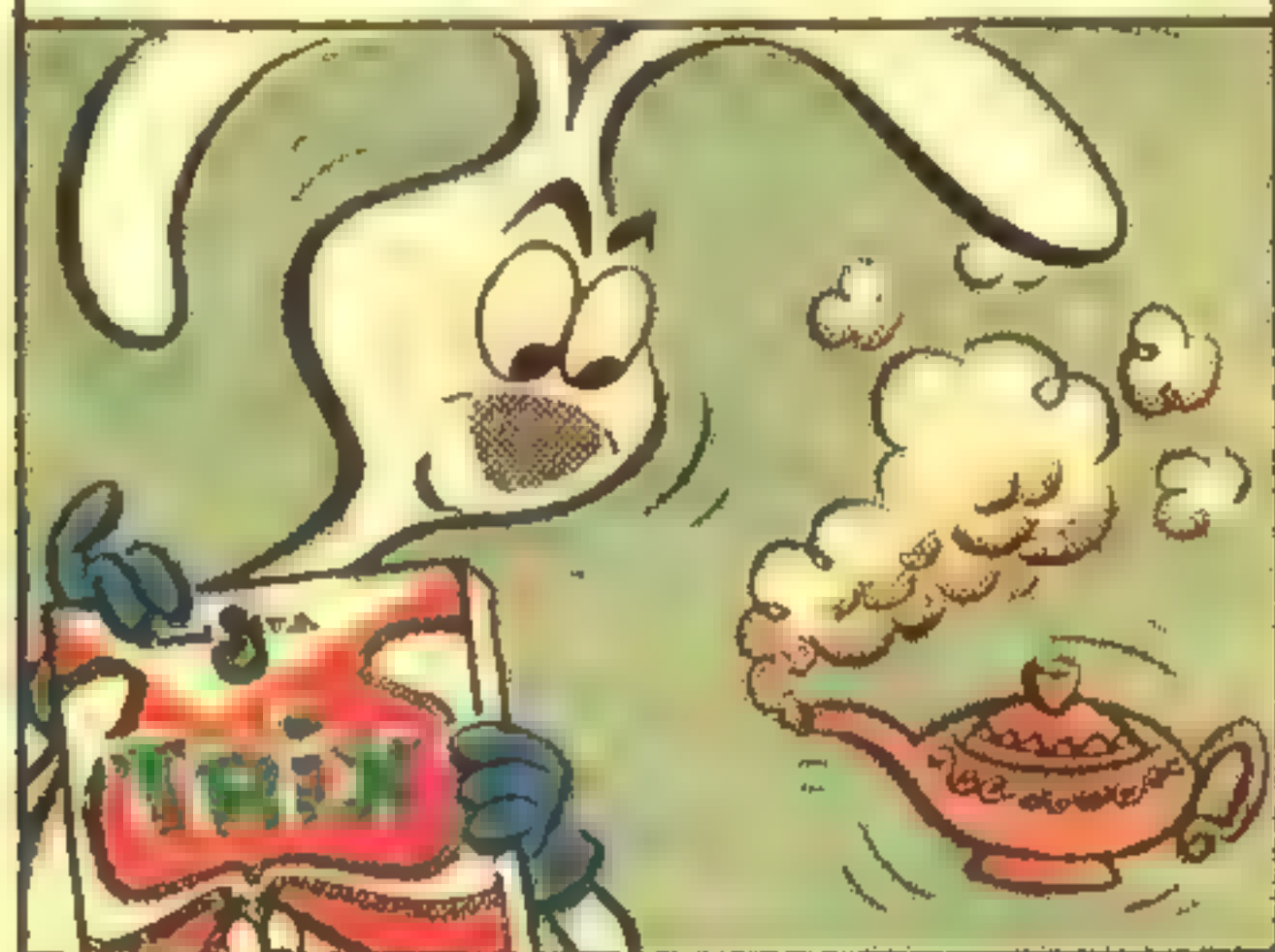
...WITH THE TANGY TASTE OF NATURAL FRUIT!



FRUIT COLORS, TOO!



AND AS WE ALL KNOW...



SUPERGIRL'S TIME TRIPS

When Supergirl first came to Earth, her cousin, Superman, trained her secretly in the use of her powers. It was he who instructed her to make her first time trip, into the future, where she helped young Tommy Tomorrow (whose adventures as an adult ran until recently in DC magazines), as told in "Supergirl Visits the 21st Century." Not long after this, in "The Cave-Girl of Steel", she crossed the time-barrier again, this time to the distant past. Like Superman, she breaks the time-barrier by flying faster than light, whirling clockwise to reach the past and counter-clockwise to reach the future.

"Supergirl's Three Time Trips" took the Maid of Steel to three periods in American history, where she found herself standing in for Annie Oakley, Betsy Ross and Pocahontas, and playing their roles. It was during this adventure that she discovered that an H-bomb blast had hurled Green Kryptonite through the time-barrier into various past ages.

Later, when Lesla-Lar, a Kandorian villainess, secretly deprived Supergirl of her powers, Superman discovered they could be restored if she left the present and journeyed to other time-eras. This led to two adventures. First, Superman took her to the year 1692, where she used her super-abilities to help those in need. The superstitious people of that time thought she was using magic, and called her the "golden witch." Her next adventure was titled "The Supergirl of Tomorrow." In it the Maid of Steel used a time machine built by Superman to travel thousands of years into the future.

Of course, the time period Supergirl most frequently visits is the 30th century, where she is a member of the Legion of Super-Heroes. You can follow her exploits with her super-friends in ADVENTURE COMICS.

SUPERGIRL

YOU HEARD ME, LINDA! AS PART OF YOUR INITIATION INTO THE ALPHA LAMBDA SORORITY YOU'VE GOT TO WEAR THAT TORN, SHABBY DRESS TO THE FRESHMAN DANCE!

BUT, DONNA! I'LL BE THE LAUGHING-STOCK OF THE CAMPUS.

GROAN!! IF ONLY I DARED COME TO THE DANCE IN MY SUPERGIRL IDENTITY... I'D BE THE BELLE OF THE BALL!



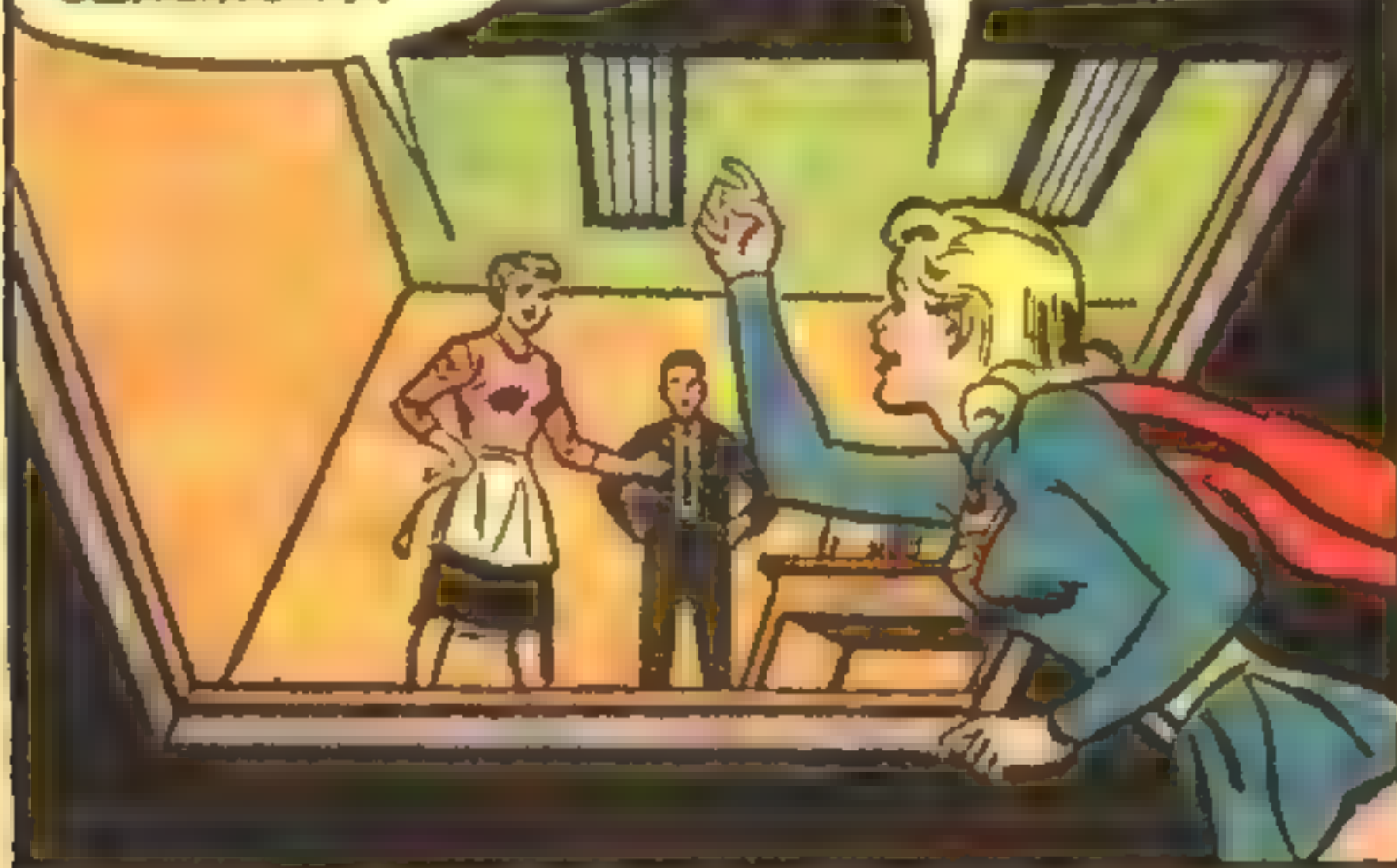
IT'S GOODBYE TO MIDVALE HIGH SCHOOL FOR LINDA LEE DANVERS (WHO IS REALLY SUPERGIRL). THE LOVELY SCHOOLGIRL IS OFF TO COLLEGE AT LAST. EAGERLY, SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO NEW EXPERIENCES AND NEW FRIENDS, BUT HER DREAM CRUMBLES WHEN SHE TRIES TO JOIN A CAMPUS SORORITY. LIFE BECOMES A TORMENT AS LINDA IS HAZED, HECKLED AND HARASSED. YES, THE MOST HUMILIATING ORDEAL A GIRL EVER FACED BEGINS WHEN —

"SUPERGIRL GOES TO COLLEGE!"

ONE DAY, AFTER COMPLETING A MISSION, SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO HER HOME IN MIDVALE...

DAUGHTER... WE WERE SO WORRIED! WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR THE CEREMONY!

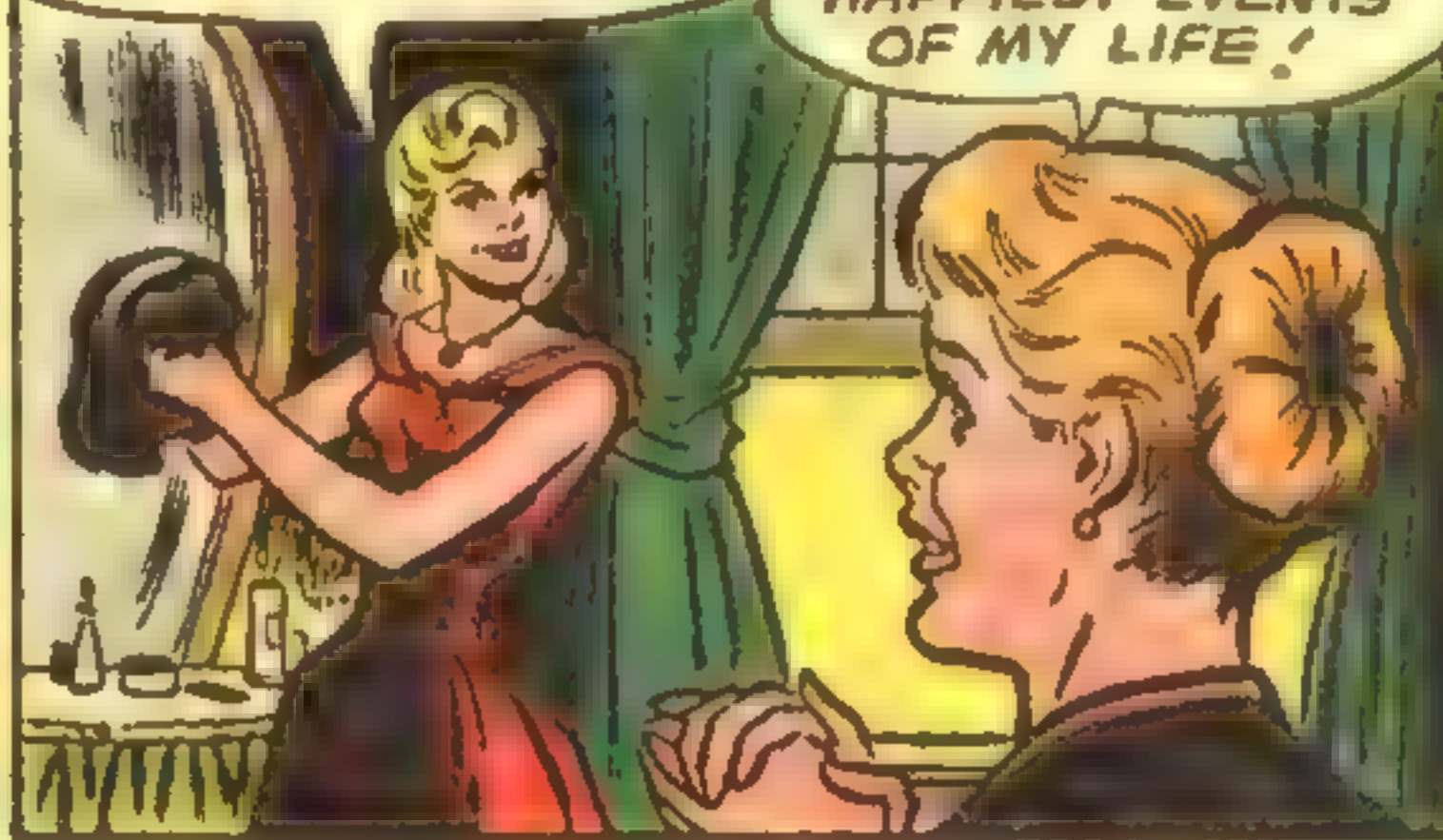
RELAX, FOLKS! WE'LL BE THERE ON TIME!



SWITCHING IDENTITIES, SUPERGIRL BECOMES THE LOVELY SCHOOLGIRL, LINDA LEE DANVERS...

OH, MOTHER, THIS GRADUATION DRESS YOU SEWED FOR ME IS POSITIVELY STUNNING.

I WAS MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO IT, LINDA, DEAR! YOUR GRADUATION DAY IS ONE OF THE HAPPIEST EVENTS OF MY LIFE!



LATER, ON THE CAMPUS OF MIDVALE HIGH, AS THE GRADUATION EXERCISES BEGIN...

OUR FOSTER-DAUGHTER MAY BE THE MIGHTY **SUPERGIRL**, BUT SHE'S THRILLED TO GRADUATE JUST AS ANY NORMAL BOY OR GIRL WOULD BE!

CHOKE!! I'M AS PROUD OF THIS CAP AND GOWN AS I AM OF MY **SUPERGIRL** OUTFIT!



PRESENTLY, AS THE AWARDS ARE HANDED OUT...

...FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, WE GRANT THIS MEDAL TO DICK MALVERNE.

DICK... I'M SO PROUD OF HIM... SIGH!! I COULD HAVE WON EVERY AWARD TODAY. BUT IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHER STUDENTS WITH MY SUPER-INTELLIGENCE.



BUT SURPRISINGLY, LINDA IS CALLED TO THE PLATFORM...

FOR PERFECT CONDUCT IN ALL CLASSES, AND FOR MODESTY AND AN EXCELLENT CHARACTER, WE GRANT LINDA DANVERS THE **STANHOPE CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP!**

GASP!! THAT MEANS FOUR YEARS OF STUDY AT **STANHOPE COLLEGE**. I NEVER EXPECTED IT!



LATER, AT THE DANVERS' HOME...

COLLEGE WILL COMPLICATE MY CAREER AS **SUPERGIRL**. BUT I CAN'T REJECT THE SCHOLARSHIP WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION. I'LL GO TO **STANHOPE!**

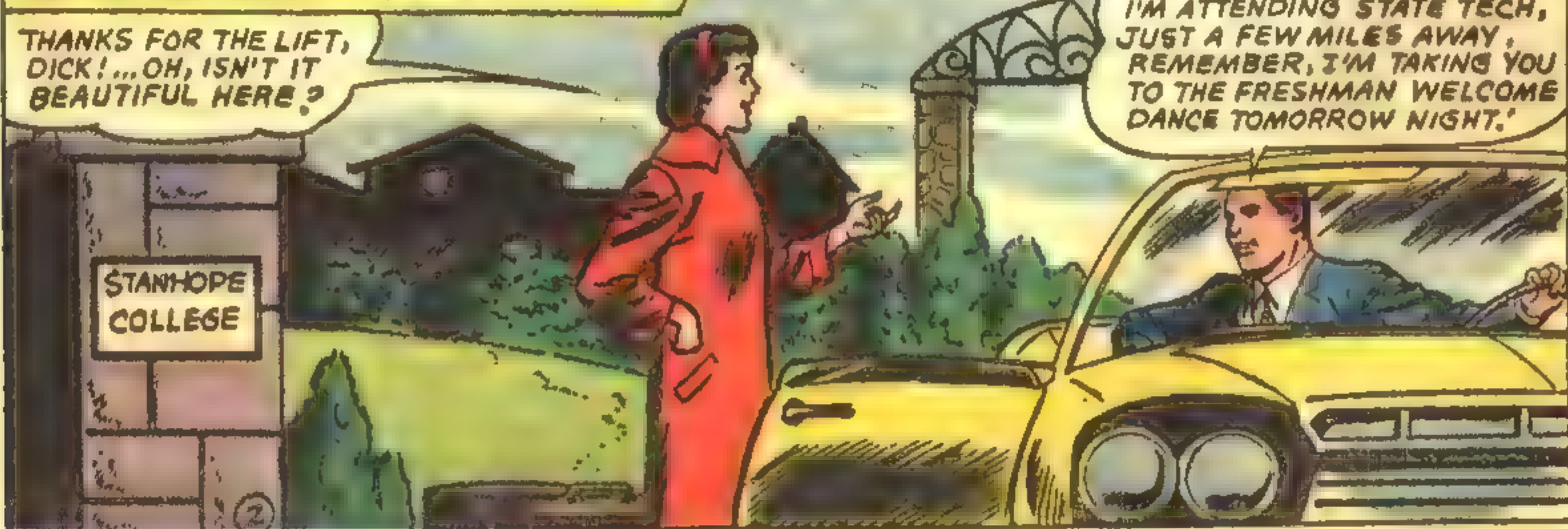
A WISE DECISION. YOUR EXAMPLE WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER YOUNGSTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION!



AND SO, MONTHS LATER, AT **STANHOPE...**

THANKS FOR THE LIFT, DICK! ... OH, ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL HERE?

THE BEST PART OF IT IS THAT I'M ATTENDING **STATE TECH**, JUST A FEW MILES AWAY. REMEMBER, I'M TAKING YOU TO THE **FRESHMAN WELCOME DANCE** TOMORROW NIGHT!



AFTER DROPPING HER LUGGAGE IN HER ROOM, LINDA GOES FOR A STROLL...

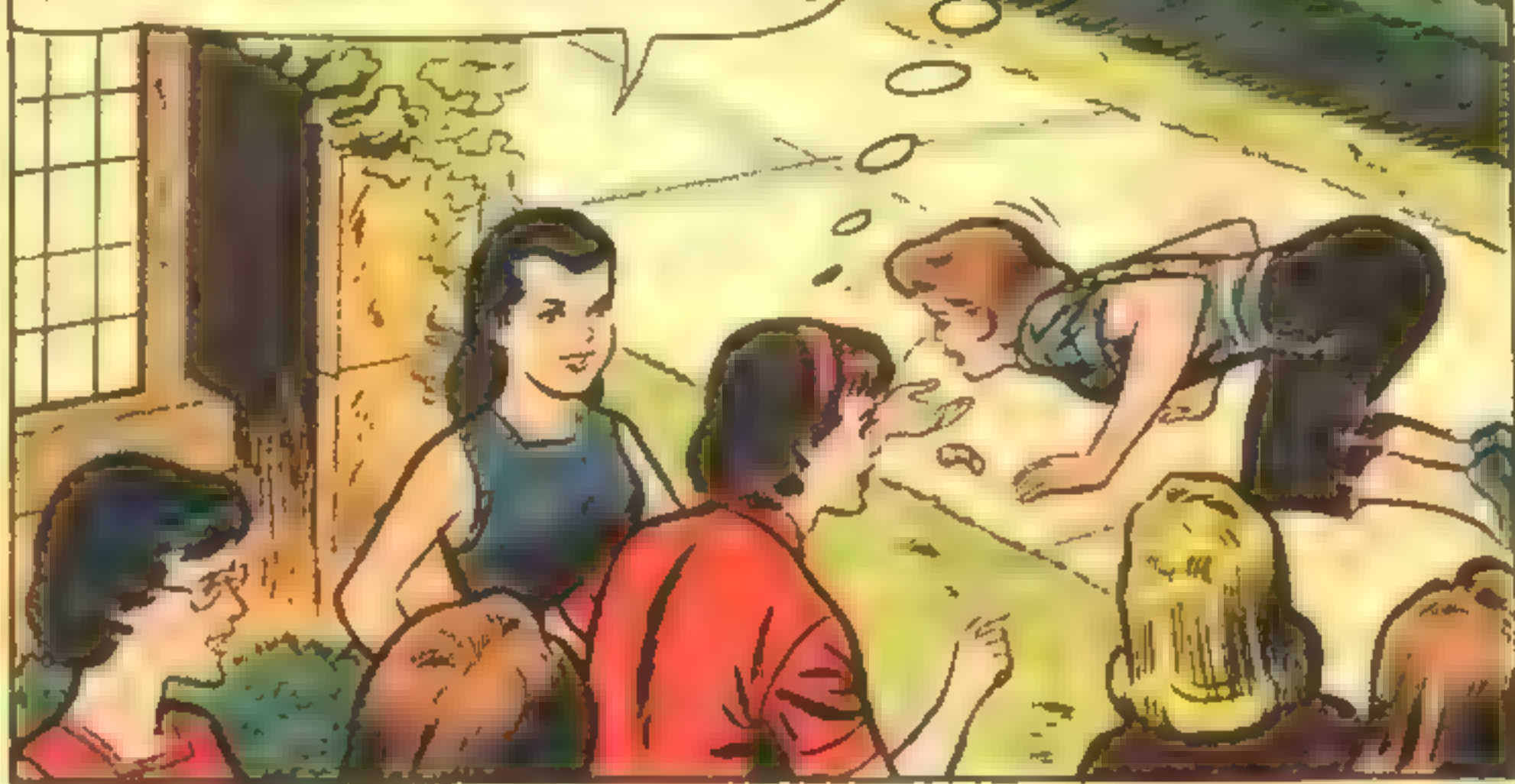
SIGH! SHADED WALKS, IVY-COVERED WALLS. IT'S WONDERFUL TO THINK THAT STANHOPE WILL BE MY SECOND HOME FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS...I WONDER WHAT THAT CROWD UP AHEAD IS ALL ABOUT?



AS LINDA INVESTIGATES...

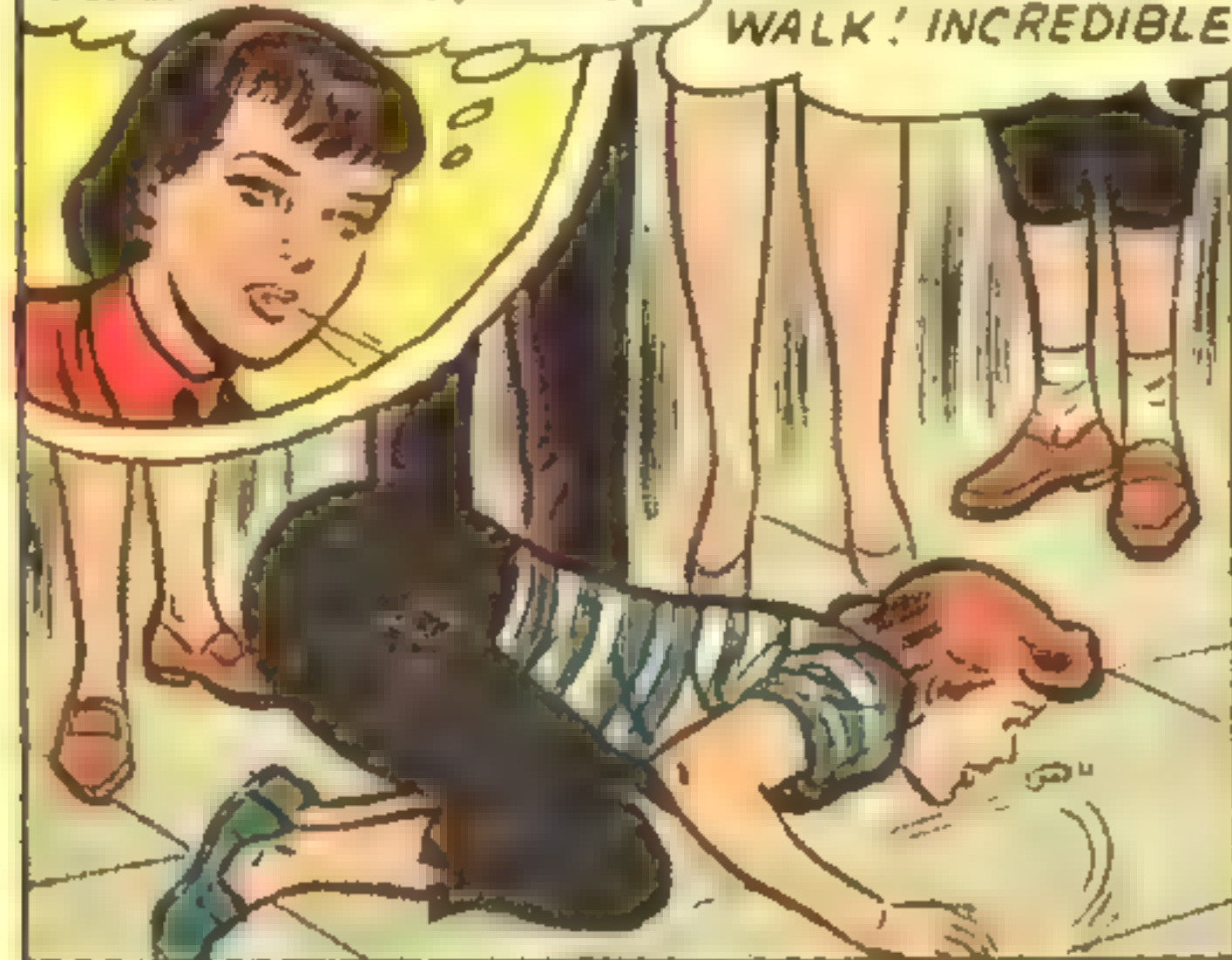
THAT FRESHMAN WANTS TO JOIN ALPHA LAMBDA SORORITY! AS PART OF HER INITIATION, SHE HAS TO ROLL A PEANUT UP THE HILL WITH HER NOSE! HA, HA!

WHAT A HUMILIATING TASK! THE PEANUT KEEPS ROLLING DOWNHILL!



THE POOR KID! I'LL HELP HER BY BLOWING THE PEANUT UPHILL WITH CONTROLLED PUFFS OF MY SUPER-BREATH. PUFF!

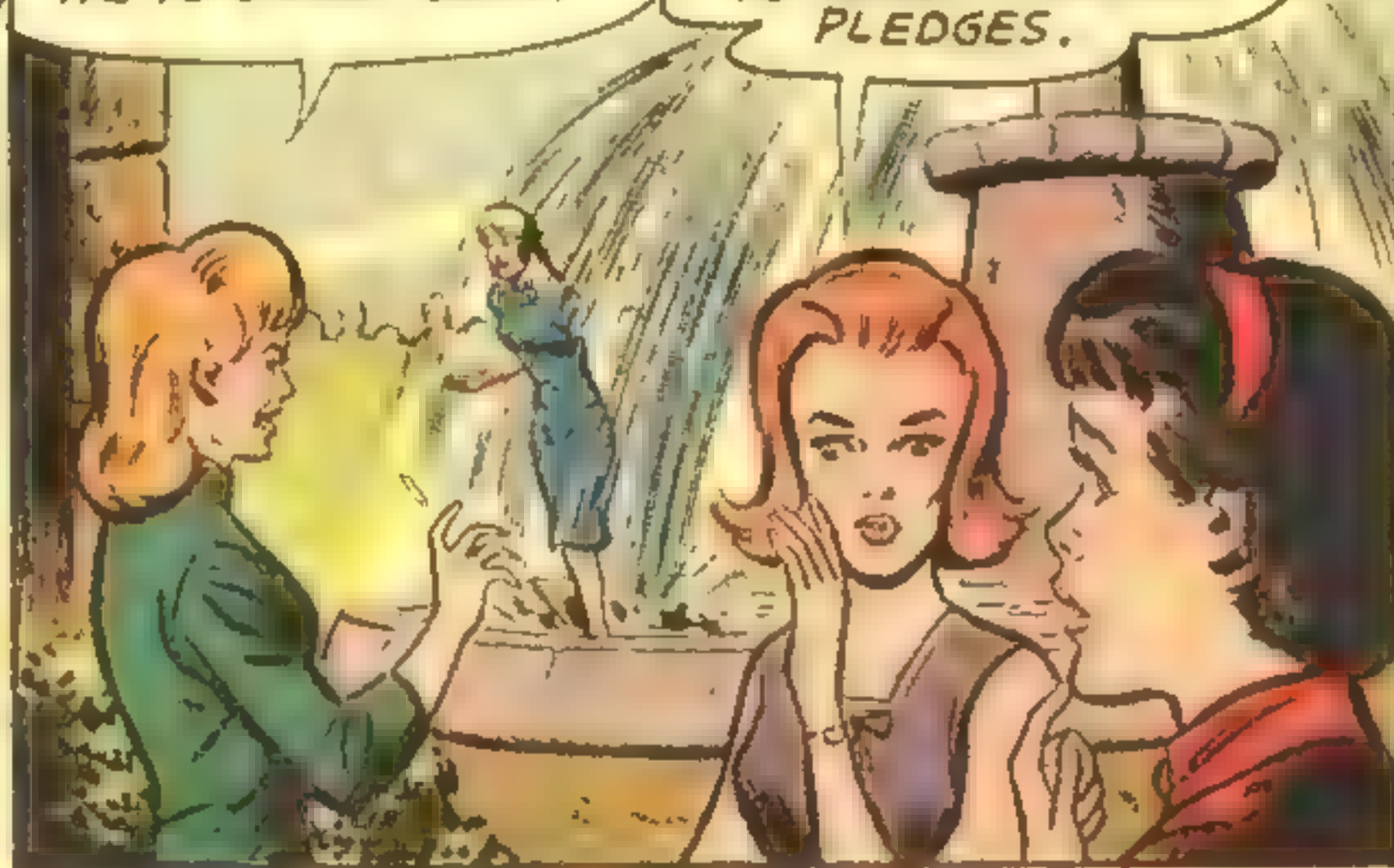
WOW! LOOK AT THAT FRESHMAN SHOVE THE PEANUT UP THE WALK! INCREDIBLE!



SOON AFTERWARD, LINDA WITNESSES ANOTHER HUMILIATING SCENE...

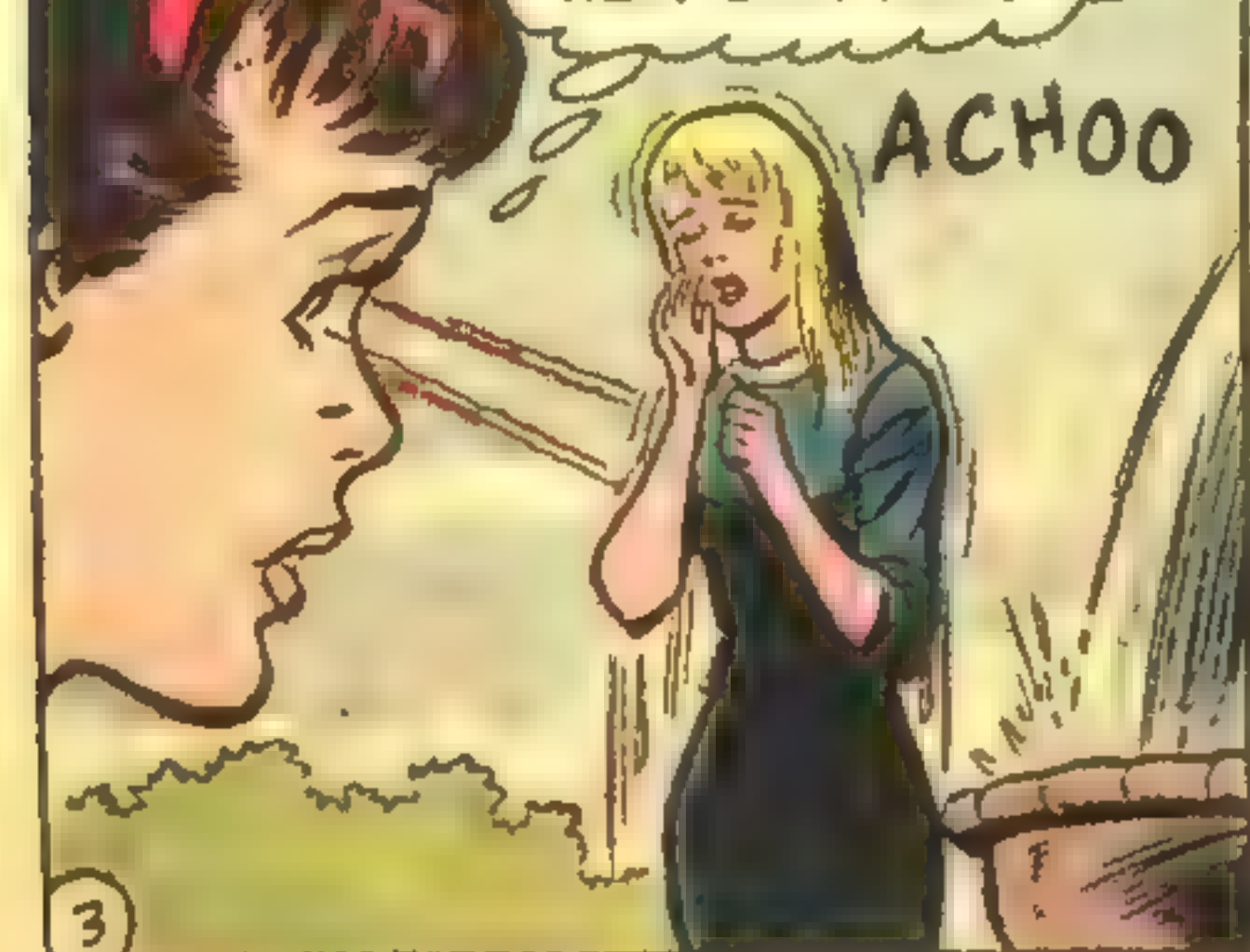
HA, HA! THAT'S THE FUNNIEST INITIATION GAG WE'VE DONE TODAY.

THAT'S DONNA STORM, PRESIDENT OF ALPHA LAMBDA. SHE LOVES TO TEASE THE NEW PLEDGES.



THE ICY WATER OF THE FOUNTAIN HAS CHILLED THE POOR GIRL TO THE BONE. I'LL CONTROL MY HEAT VISION AND BEAM IT AT HER TO DRY HER CLOTHES!

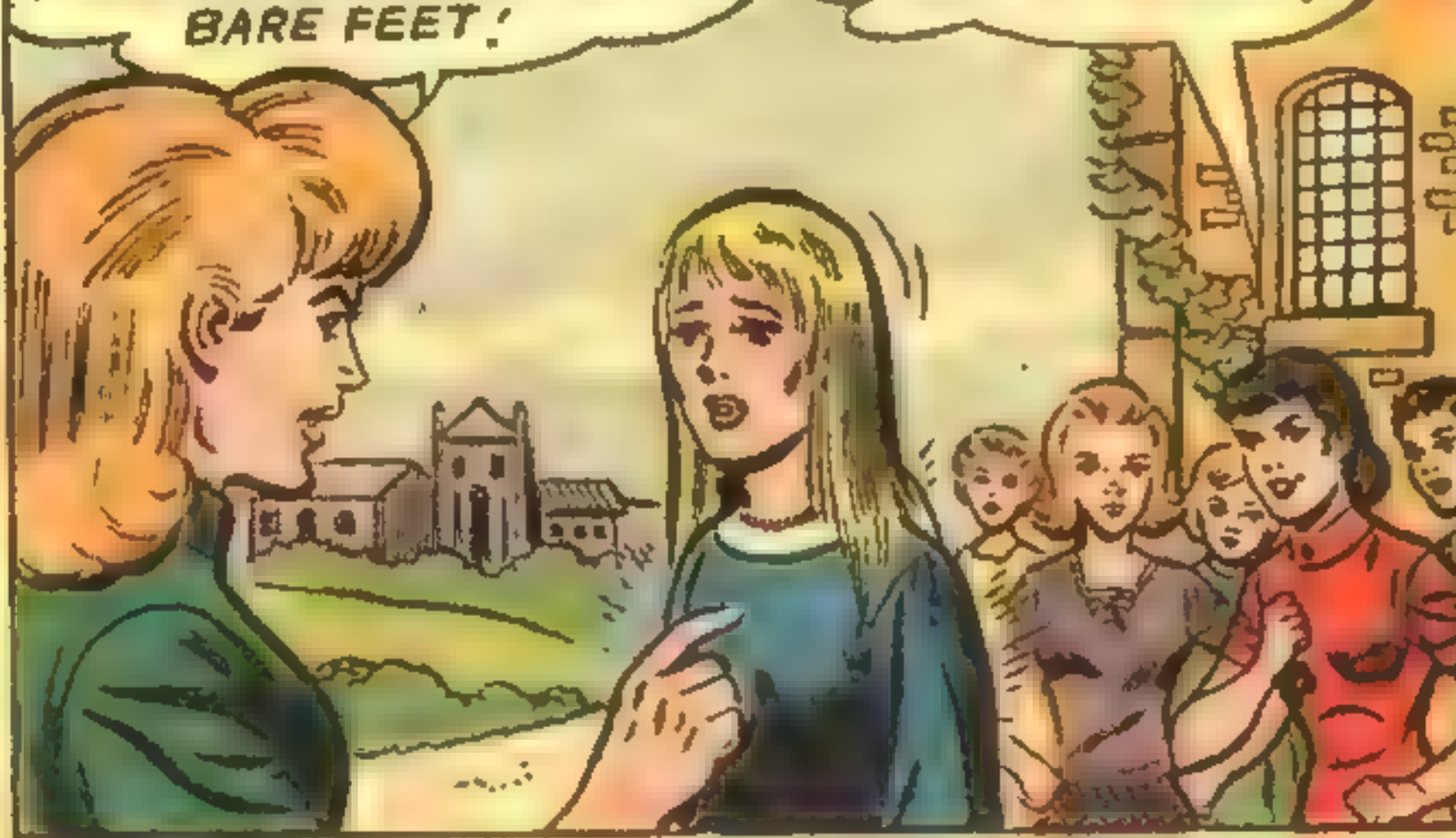
ACHOO



PRESENTLY...

CLOTHES DRY ALREADY? HMM! IT'S THOSE MIRACLE-DRY FABRICS...I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER TEST... A THREE-BLOCK WALK DOWN A GRAVEL DRIVEWAY IN BARE FEET!

HOW MEAN CAN YOU GET? I WISH THEY'D ASK ME TO JOIN ALPHA LAMBDA. I'D TEACH THEM A LESSON THEY'D NEVER FORGET!



BUT LINDA HAS BEEN OVERHEARD...

IT'S LINDA DANVERS, THE GIRL WHO WON THE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MIDVALE. WE WERE GOING TO ASK HER TO JOIN OUR SORORITY.

MIDVALE? NEVER HEARD OF THE PLACE. IT MUST BE SOME HICK TOWN. REMEMBER, OUR SOCIETY IS EXCLUSIVE. WE CAN'T LET JUST ANYONE JOIN!



IT'S NO CRIME TO COME FROM A SMALL TOWN. SPEAKING FOR THE REST OF THE INITIATING COMMITTEE, I SAY WE PLEDGE HER.

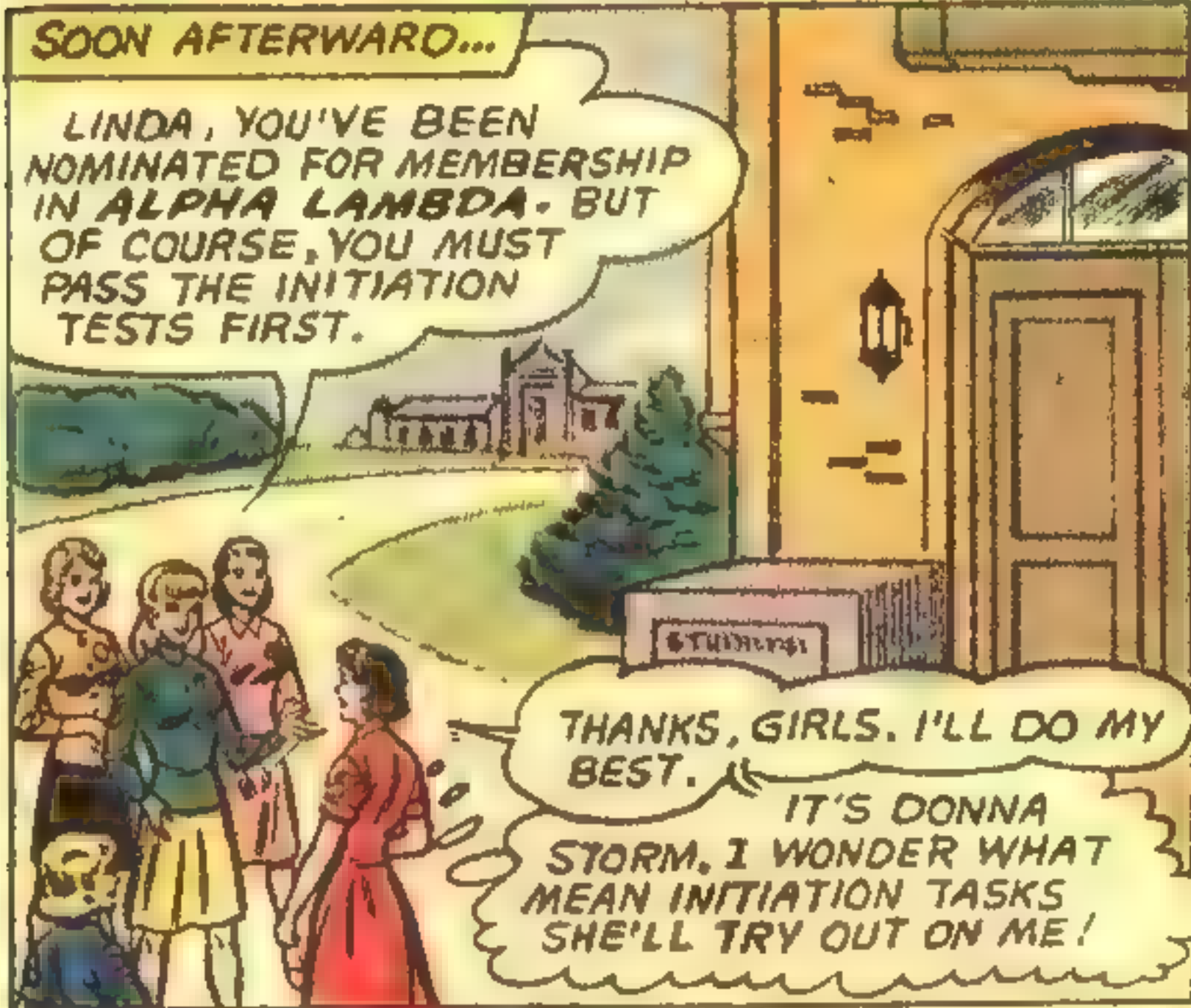
OKAY, BUT AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, I GIVE HER THE INITIATION TESTS. IF SHE FAILS EVEN ONE OF THEM, SHE'S OUT!



THAT SAP WILL NEVER PASS THE TESTS I'LL DREAM UP!

SOON AFTERWARD...

LINDA, YOU'VE BEEN NOMINATED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ALPHA LAMBDA. BUT OF COURSE, YOU MUST PASS THE INITIATION TESTS FIRST.



THANKS, GIRLS. I'LL DO MY BEST.

IT'S DONNA STORM. I WONDER WHAT MEAN INITIATION TASKS SHE'LL TRY OUT ON ME!

HERE'S YOUR FIRST TEST, THE TOWN DEPARTMENT STORE IS RUNNING AN ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHARITY IN THE FRONT WINDOW. YOU'RE TO KISS THE STAR OF THE SHOW AND DATE HIM!

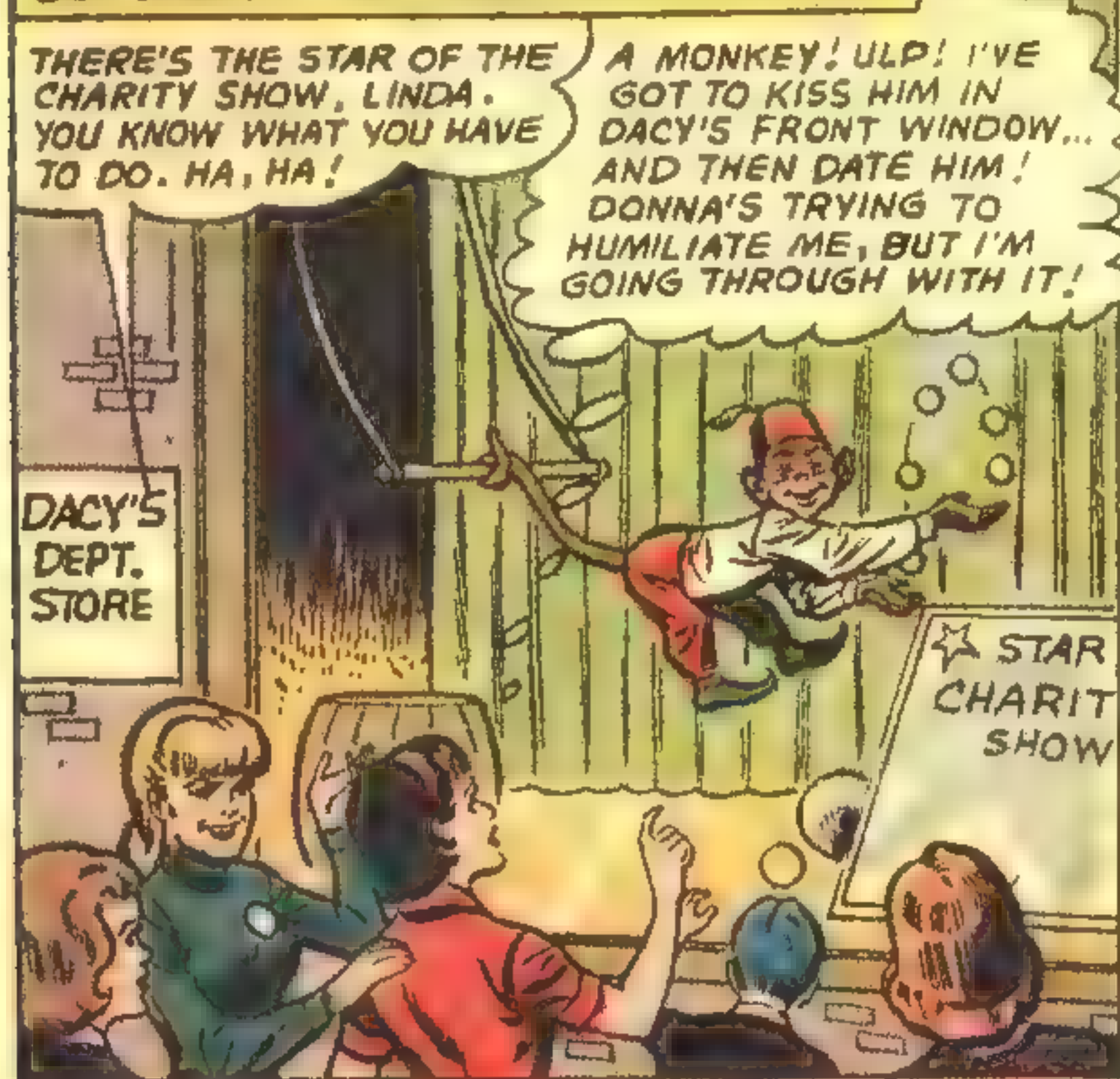
SOUNDS EASY ENOUGH, BUT I WONDER...



BUT SOON, AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE...

THERE'S THE STAR OF THE CHARITY SHOW, LINDA. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO. HA, HA!

A MONKEY! ULP! I'VE GOT TO KISS HIM IN DACY'S FRONT WINDOW... AND THEN DATE HIM! DONNA'S TRYING TO HUMILIATE ME, BUT I'M GOING THROUGH WITH IT!



AS LINDA SLIPS THROUGH THE DOOR INTO THE WINDOW DISPLAY...

WHY, THE LITTLE CREATURE TOOK MY HAND AS I BENT TO KISS HIM!... WOW! THAT TINY PAW CERTAINLY HAS A POWERFUL GRIP! WAIT... ONLY ONE MONKEY COULD BE AS STRONG AS THAT...



SMACK

IT'S SUPER-MONKEY, SUPERMAN'S PET! HE RECOGNIZED ME AS SUPERGIRL, EVEN THOUGH I'M WEARING MY LINDA DISGUISE!

SUPER-MONKEY, YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT WE HAVE A DATE!

EEEEK

SECONDS LATER, TO DONNA'S CHAGRIN...

IT'S SUPER-MONKEY! HE'S GIVING LINDA A RIDE THROUGH THE AIR! I WOULDN'T MIND A DATE WITH THAT CUTE LITTLE FELLOW MYSELF!

YULP!! I TRIED TO RIDICULE HER! BUT NOW THEY ALL ENVY HER! WELL, WAIT TILL SHE FINDS OUT WHAT HER NEXT TEST WILL BE!

LATER, IN LINDA'S DORMITORY ROOM...

YOU HEARD ME. THAT'S YOUR NEXT TASK! YOU'VE GOT TO WEAR THAT TORN DRESS TO THE FRESHMAN WELCOME DANCE AT MOONLIGHT GROVE TOMORROW NIGHT!

OH, NO! HAVE A HEART! MY BOY FRIEND IS DRIVING DOWN FROM STATE TECH TO BE MY ESCORT! I'LL DIE OF SHAME!

SO YOUR BOY FRIEND IS COMING TO THE DANCE, EH? I'D BETTER TRY TO MEND THIS GOWN SOMEHOW!

INITIATIONS SHOULD BE FUN, DONNA. BUT YOU SEEM TO ENJOY TORTURING THAT GIRL!

RIPP

BUT AS NIGHT FALLS, LINDA SWITCHES TO SUPERGIRL AND SWOOPS INTO SPACE...

CHOKE! MY FIRST COLLEGE DANCE!... I'LL BE DISGRACED IF DICK SEES ME IN THAT TORN AND SHABBY GOWN, BUT I HAVE A PLAN. I'LL MASH THESE SPACE ROCKS INTO A LARGE PLANETOID...

...AND THEN HURL THE PLANETOID INTO ORBIT IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM! I'VE GOT TO GIVE IT JUST THE RIGHT SPEED, TOO. TIMING WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT!



THE NEXT NIGHT, IN THE DORM LOBBY...

YOUR BOY FRIEND IS WAITING, LINDA. REMEMBER, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE OFF THAT COAT JUST AS SOON AS YOU GET TO MOONLIGHT GROVE! HA, HA! JUST WAIT TILL HE SEES THAT DRESS YOU'RE WEARING!

LET HER GLOAT, BUT I'LL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH!

MOMENTS LATER, AS ASTRONOMERS IN THE COLLEGE OBSERVATORY MAKE A STARTLING DISCOVERY...

INCREDIBLE! A STRANGE PLANETOID IS DRIFTING ACROSS THE FACE OF THE MOON.

IT'S AN ECLIPSE! THAT SPACE ROCK IS CUTTING OFF THE LIGHT OF THE MOON!

MEANWHILE, DICK AND LINDA ARRIVE AT THE DANCE...

ODD! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DANCE BY MOONLIGHT. WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THIS SUDDEN ECLIPSE?

SOUNDS LIKE FUN! I ALWAYS DID ENJOY DANCING IN THE DARK. HELP ME OFF WITH MY COAT, DICK!

BUT DONNA IS WATCHING...

A BLACKOUT... AND AFTER ALL MY CLEVER PLANNING! THAT LINDA HAS FANTASTIC LUCK!

I OUTWITTED DONNA AGAIN. I ORBITTED THAT ASTEROID SO IT WOULD BLOCK THE MOONLIGHT AND KEEP DICK FROM SEEING ME IN THE DISGRACEFUL OUTFIT I'M WEARING!

LATER, DICK ESCORTS LINDA BACK TO THE DORM JUST AS THE ECLIPSE PASSES...

HA, HA! THE JOKE'S ON YOU, DONNA. BECAUSE OF THE ECLIPSE, LINDA WAS ABLE TO WEAR THAT TORN, SHABBY DRESS WITHOUT BEING DISGRACED!

BAH! HER LUCK WON'T HOLD OUT FOREVER! SHE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PASS THE INITIATION TEST I PLANNED FOR TOMORROW!

THE NEXT DAY...

HERE'S YOUR NEXT TASK, LINDA. STANHOPE IS PLAYING A FOOTBALL GAME TODAY. YOU'RE TO FIND A MASCOT FOR THE TEAM.

DONNA, YOU'RE DELIBERATELY TRYING TO KEEP HER OUT OF THE SORORITY. YOU KNOW ALL ANIMALS IN TOWN HAVE BEEN QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF THE EPIDEMIC.

ANIMAL VIRUS SPREADS PETS ORDERED QUARANTINED

A QUARANTINE, EH? THAT'S HER TOUGH LUCK... EITHER SHE FINDS A MASCOT WHO'S IMMUNE TO THE VIRUS, OR SHE FAILS THE INITIATION.

WHAT A DIRTY TRICK. IF SHE THINKS SHE'S STUMPED ME, SHE HAS ANOTHER GUESS COMING.

DON'T WORRY, I'LL FIND A MASCOT!

AND AFTERWARD, AS SPECTATORS WATCH IN AWE...

IT'S **SUPER-HORSE**! AND HE'S FLYING RIGHT TO LINDA'S SIDE. HE MUST BE THE MASCOT SHE PROMISED TO FIND!

WHEEEE

AND SINCE **SUPER-HORSE** IS INVULNERABLE, HE'S IMMUNE TO INFECTION...AND DOESN'T HAVE TO BE QUARANTINED...

AS THOUSANDS CHEER, THE MIGHTY STALLION OF STEEL STARTS THE GAME BY KICKING A FIELD-GOAL...

I CALLED YOU VIA SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM, **SUPER-HORSE**! THANKS FOR RESPONDING!

GLAD TO HELP, **SUPERGIRL**!...ER... I MEAN, LINDA! I WONDER WHAT THAT CROWD WOULD SAY IF THEY KNEW I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH YOU TELEPATHICALLY?

RAH-HH

SUPERHORSE

SUPER HORSE

RAH RAH

WAIT! I SENSE SOMEONE NEARBY WHO DISLIKES YOU AND IS SUSPICIOUS OF YOUR IDENTITY!

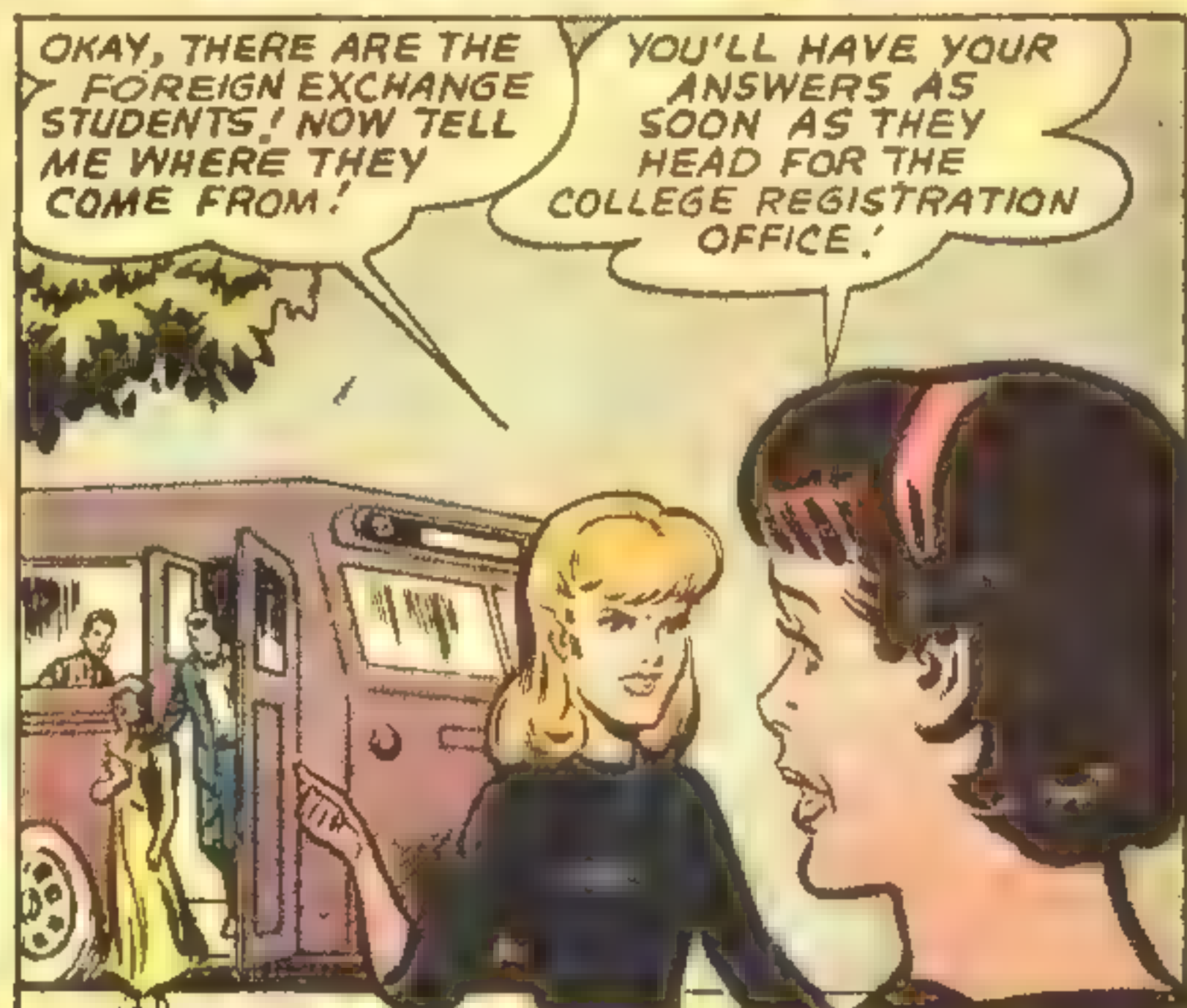
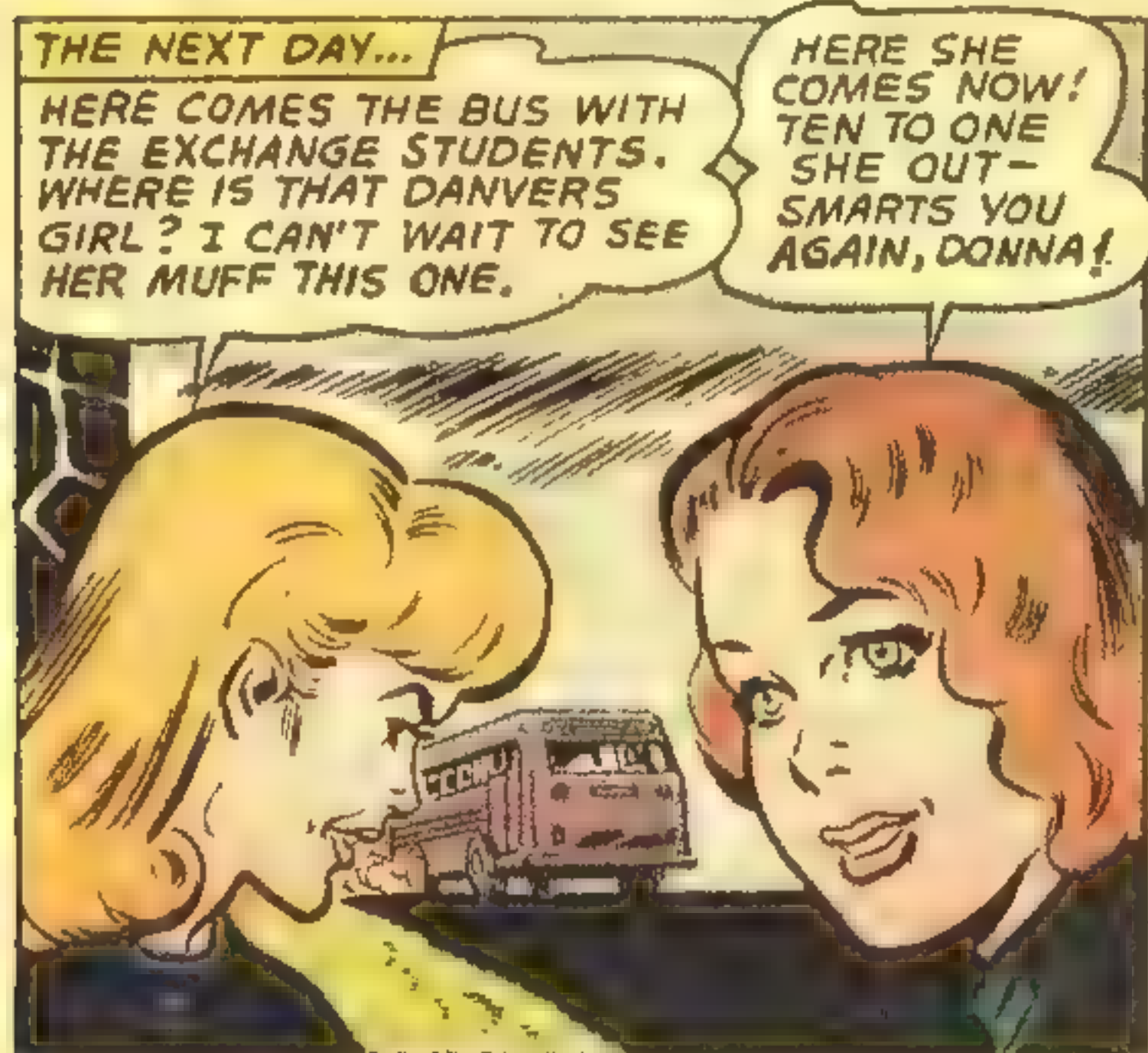
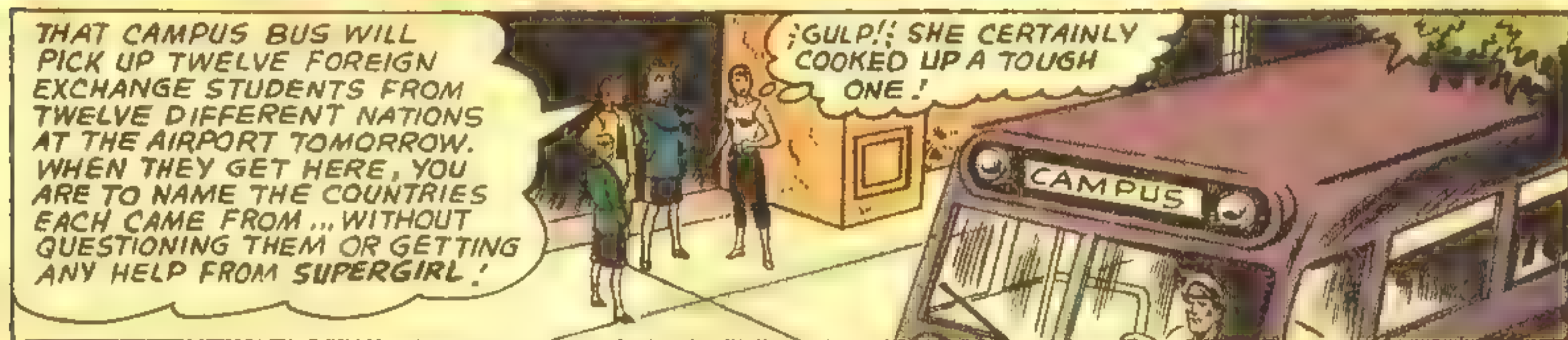
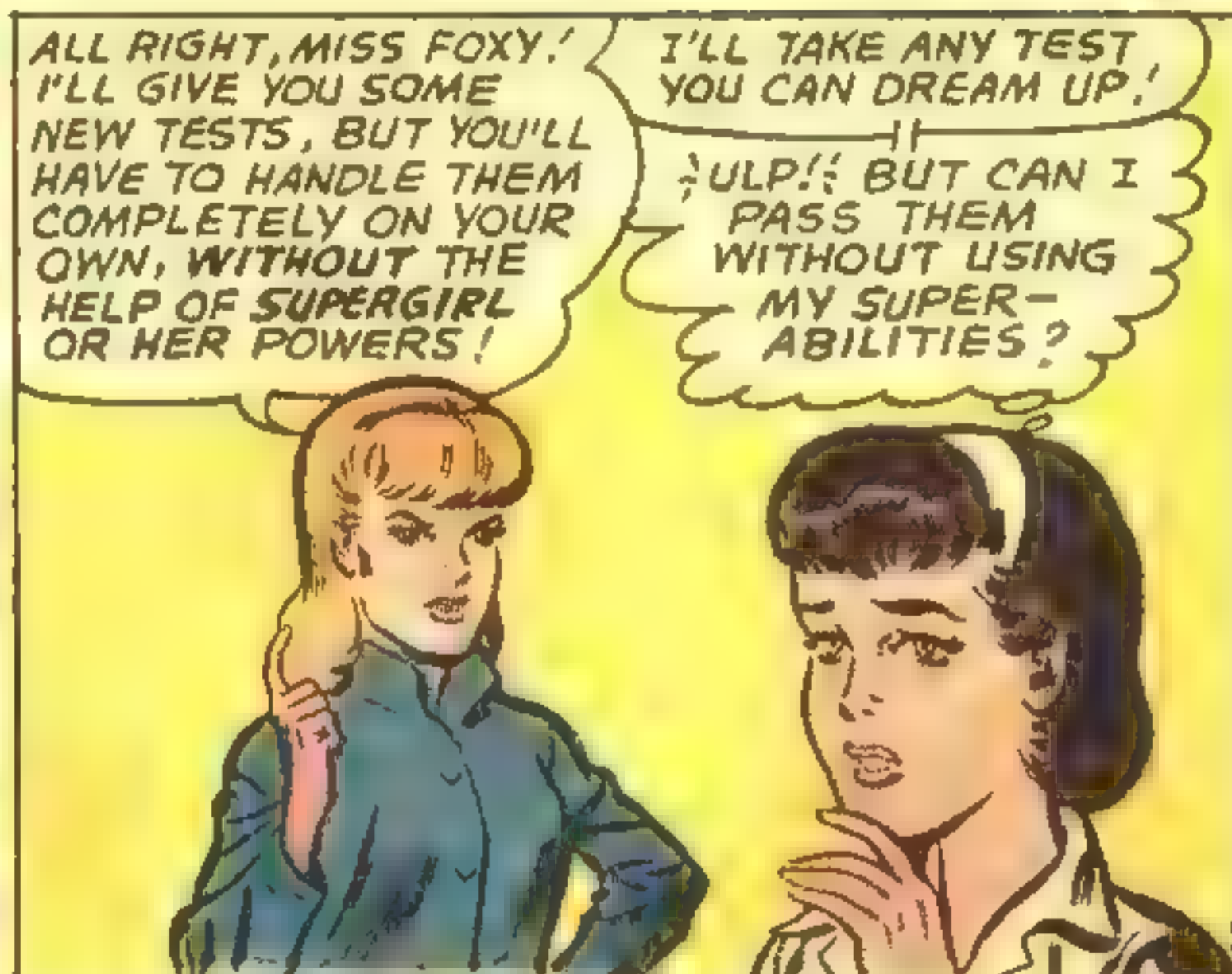
IT'S THAT SKUNK, DONNA!...I'LL PRETEND TO FALL FROM YOUR BACK. THAT SHOULD AVERT HER SUSPICIONS.

LATER...

LINDA, SO FAR YOU'VE PASSED ALL TESTS WITH FLYING COLORS! YOU'RE TERRIFIC! HOW DID YOU DO IT?

I'LL TELL YOU HOW!... FIRST **SUPER-MONKEY** SHOWS UP TO HELP HER! THEN THERE WAS THAT STRANGE, UNEXPECTED ECLIPSE! AND NOW **SUPER-HORSE** HELPED HER MAKE A GRANDSTAND PLAY!

GATE 2



TO DONNA'S AMAZEMENT...

THOSE STUDENTS COME FROM INDONESIA, NIGERIA, ARABIA, SWITZERLAND, GREECE, ARGENTINA, SPAIN, INDIA, CEYLON, JAPAN, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN.

CLEVER. LINDA FIGURED THAT EACH STUDENT WOULD SALUTE THE FLAG OF HIS HOME COUNTRY! BUT WHERE DID SHE GET THOSE BANNERS?



IT'S SIMPLE. I REMEMBERED THAT THERE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL TRACK MEET HERE AT STANHOPE TWO YEARS AGO. THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT LOANED ME THESE FLAGS AND POLES, WHICH THEY HAD STORED AWAY SINCE THEN.

THAT'S USING YOUR HEAD. YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT MEMBER FOR OUR SORORITY.



AFTER THE FLAGS ARE RETURNED...

LINDA HAS HANDLED THE TOUGHEST PROBLEMS YOU'VE FOUND FOR HER. GIVE UP, DONNA! LET HER INTO OUR SORORITY!

NO! THERE'S ONE LAST TEST SHE MUST PERFORM.

I CAN'T ADMIT DEFEAT! THAT LITTLE SMART-ALECK HAS MADE ME A LAUGHING-STOCK BEFORE MY FRIENDS.



HERE'S YOUR LAST TEST... THE COLLEGE HAS JUST BUILT A BRAND-NEW LIBRARY HIGH UP ON THAT HILL. IT WILL REPLACE THIS OLD BUILDING BEHIND US.



BUT THE SCHOOL CAN'T AFFORD THE HIGH TRUCKING EXPENSES TO MOVE THESE THOUSANDS OF BOOKS TO THE NEW LIBRARY! YOU'RE TO FIND A WAY TO TRANSPORT THE BOOKS WITHOUT COST.

GULP!! THIS IS WHERE I COULD USE MY SUPER-POWERS, BUT I'VE PROMISED NOT TO.



SOON AFTERWARD...

AN EMERGENCY? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? COME ON, LET'S SEE!



THEN, ON THE LIBRARY STEPS...

IT'S THAT DANVERS GIRL, TALKING TO THE OTHER STUDENTS! WHAT'S SHE UP TO NOW?



...AND AS LOYAL STUDENTS OF **STANHOPE**, I'M ASKING EACH OF YOU TO CHECK OUT TEN BOOKS ON YOUR LIBRARY CARD... AND RETURN THEM TO THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

AS THE STUDENTS EAGERLY FOLLOW LINDA'S INSTRUCTIONS...

MISS DANVERS, THAT WAS A SPLENDID IDEA! NOW ALL OUR BOOKS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW LIBRARY WITHOUT COST! AS CHIEF LIBRARIAN I WANT TO THANK YOU!



OH, NO!

LINDA, YOU WERE TERRIFIC! YOU'VE PASSED THE FINAL TEST. WE'LL BE PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS A MEMBER OF ALPHA LAMBDA.

HMM! ONLY SOMEONE WITH SUPER-INTELLIGENCE COULD'VE DEVISED A STUNT LIKE THAT. I'M CERTAIN THAT LINDA MUST BE SUPERGIRL, AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT.



LINDA, I ADMIT I'VE BEEN MEAN AND HARSH, BUT LET BYGONES BE BYGONES. COME ON, LET'S GO FOR A RIDE IN MY CONVERTIBLE... AND TALK THINGS OVER.

I'LL BE GLAD TO, DONNA

HMM... MAYBE SHE'S HUMAN AFTER ALL!



BUT AS THEY DRIVE THROUGH THE NEARBY HILLS...

LINDA, I'M SO GLAD TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE READY TO BE MY FRIEND.

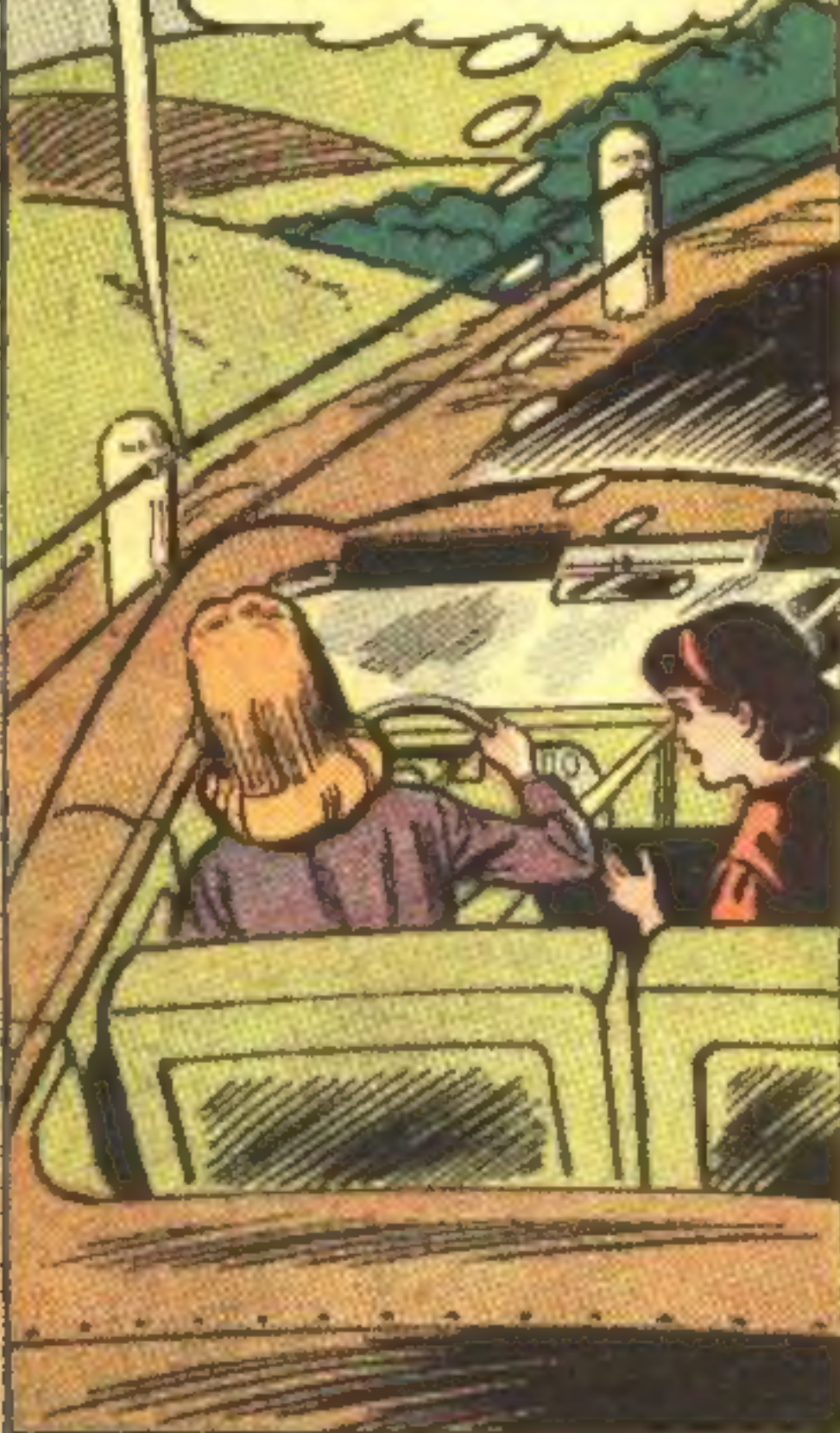
I'M JUST BUTTERING HER UP UNTIL I GET THE CHANCE TO PROVE SHE'S SUPERGIRL, AND THIS SEEMS TO BE JUST THE SPOT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.





EEK! MY BRAKES FAILED! WE'RE GOING OVER THE CLIFF!

GASP! MY X-RAY VISION TELLS ME THE BRAKES ARE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE. IT'S JUST A TRICK TO FORCE ME TO REVEAL MY SUPERGIRL IDENTITY. I CAN'T LET HER GET AWAY WITH IT!



THEN, IN A LIGHTNING MOVE...

IF I SAVE HER, SHE'LL KNOW I'M SUPERGIRL! BUT THERE'S A WAY OUT!... I'LL TWITCH THIS REAR-VIEW MIRROR BACK AND FORTH AT SUPER-SPEED SO THE REFLECTED LIGHT RAYS WILL HYPNOTIZE HER INSTANTANEOUSLY.



DONNA BLACKED OUT. THAT GIVES ME THE SPLIT SECOND I NEED TO GO INTO ACTION AS SUPERGIRL. THOSE HAYSTACKS BELOW ARE JUST WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!



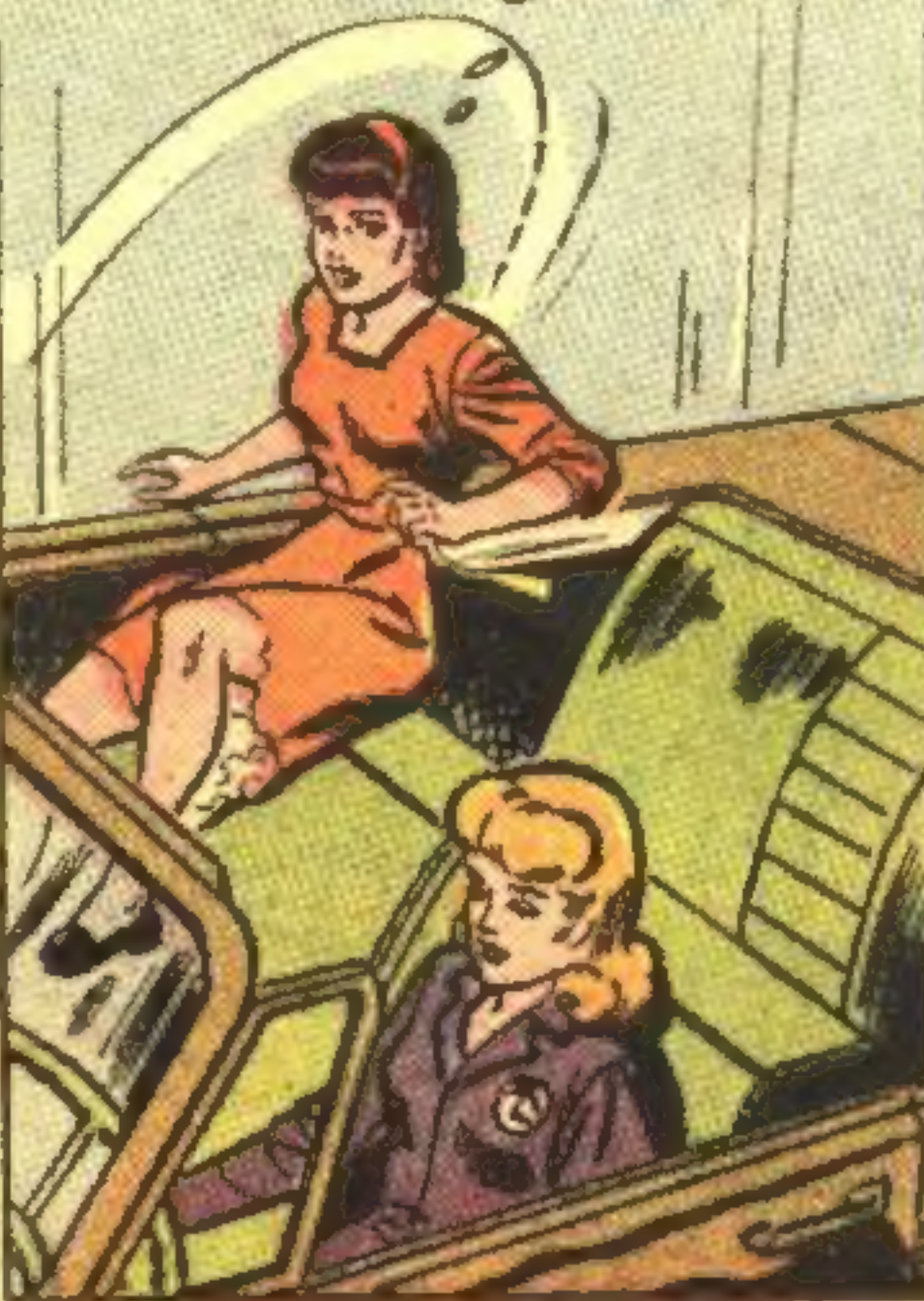
AT INCREDIBLE VELOCITY SUPERGIRL STREAKS ACROSS A PASTURE, AND...



I'LL SHOVE THESE HAYSTACKS TOGETHER AND CREATE ONE HUGE STACK THAT WILL CUSHION THE FALLING CAR!

THEN, LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHT, SHE SWITCHES TO HER LINDA COSTUME, AND...

I DID IT ALL IN A FRACTION OF AN INSTANT. NOW TO REJOIN DONNA IN THE FRONT SEAT. THE SHOCK OF THE FALL WILL AWAKEN HER. SHE'LL NEVER SUSPECT THAT SUPERGIRL SAVED HER LIFE!

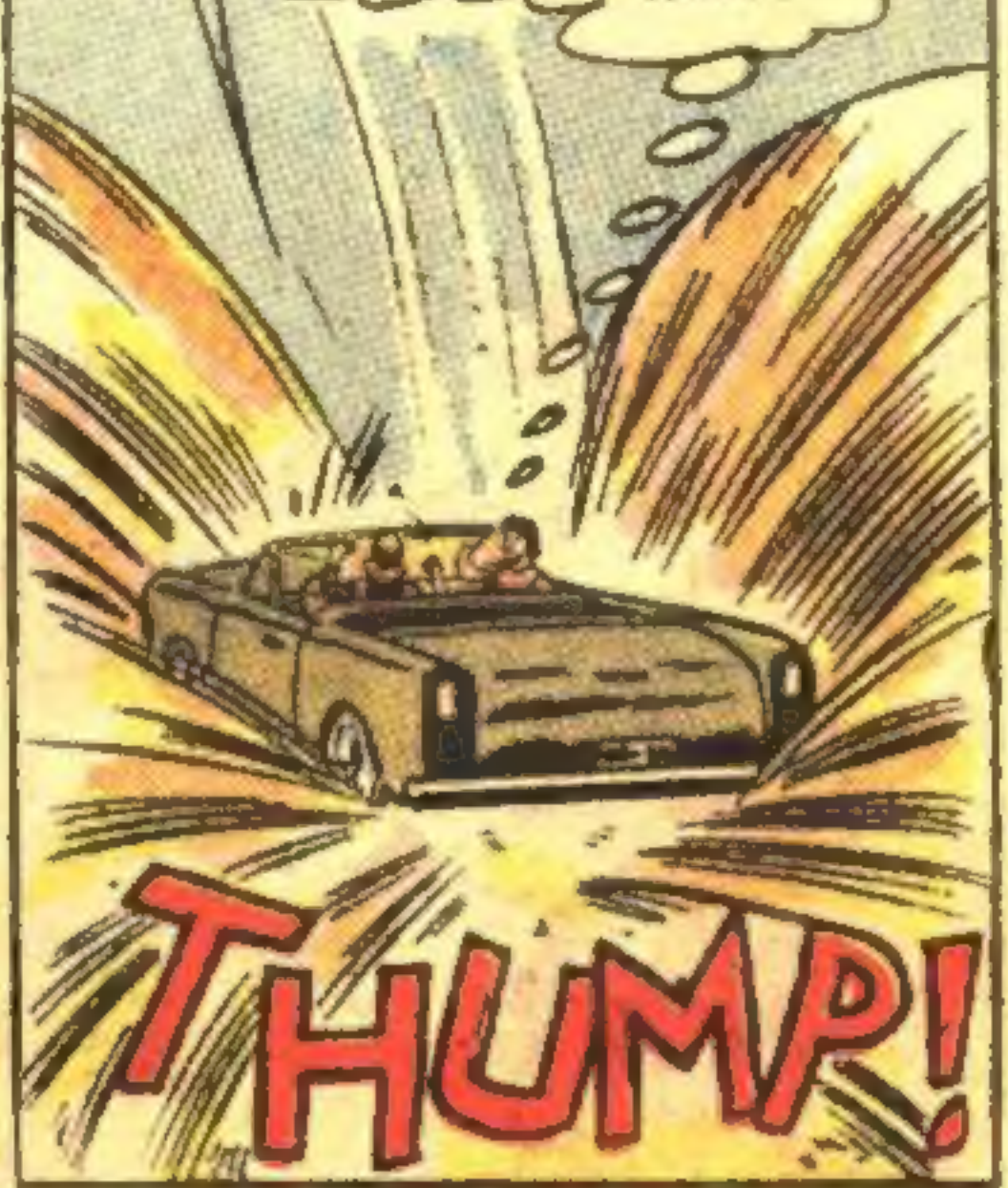


A MOMENT LATER...

THE CAR! WE CRASHED!

IT'S OKAY, DONNA! WE PLUNGED OVER A CLIFF, BUT LUCKILY, WE FELL ON THIS GIANT HAYSTACK!

SINCE EVERYTHING HAPPENED IN THE WINK OF AN EYE, SHE WON'T EVEN REMEMBER THAT I HYPNOTIZED HER!



OH, LINDA, I'VE BEEN SO CRUEL...
...SO HEARTLESS. I TRIED TO
KEEP YOU OUT OF OUR SORORITY
BECAUSE I WAS A SNOB. LATER
I RESENTED YOU BECAUSE I
COULDN'T BREAK YOUR
SPIRIT.

THERE,
THERE, WE
ALL MAKE
MISTAKES!

MY MISTAKE COULD HAVE KILLED US BOTH.
I WAS SURE YOU WERE **SUPERGIRL**,
SO I PLUNGED MY CAR OVER THE CLIFF TO
PROVE IT. ONLY A MIRACLE SAVED US!

A MIRACLE... OR
MY FANTASTIC
POWERS AS THE
MAID OF STEEL!

THE NEXT DAY, AFTER LINDA IS SWORN INTO THE
SORORITY...

AND AS A NEW MEMBER, I
MOVE THAT WE STOP ALL HAZING
THAT HUMILIATES OR
EMBARRASSES PEOPLE.

SECOND THE
MOTION! ALL IN
FAVOR...

AYE!

AYE!

LINDA, YOU SAID YOU
KNOW **SUPERGIRL**.
HOW ABOUT ASKING
HER TO COME DOWN
AND SPEAK TO OUR
SORORITY?

ALL RIGHT, DONNA.
I'LL DO THAT.

HA, HA! I WONDER
WHAT THEY'D SAY IF
THEY KNEW THAT
SUPERGIRL WAS
SECRETLY A MEMBER
OF ALPHA LAMBDA!

I LIKE
CHOCOLATE
FUDGE
BEST!

I LIKE
VANILLA
FUDGE
BEST!

...BUT EVERYONE LIKES
TOOTSIE ROLL FUDGE BEST!
IT'S CREAMY, SMOOTH,
DELICIOUS!

Get some!